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Cuckoo in Tory nest

Rival 'party' funds rebels

Michael White Political Editor

TORY loyalists were last night urging John Major to crack the disciplinary whip over their party's Eurosceptics after the promoter of yesterday's 74-vote referendum rebellion admitted that his think-tank accepts donations from Sir James Goldsmith.

Though ministers shrugged off the spectacle of almost half their backbenchers supporting Bill Cash's token bill for an early referendum — with voters asked to endorse "irreversible changes" to protect British sovereignty from further encroachment by the European Union — pro-Europeans seized on Mr Cash's ties with Sir James.

Mr Cash's European Foundation has accepted donations from what Labour dubbed "a foreign-based billionaire" since 1993. But now that Sir James has bankrolled his own Referendum Party with the express purpose of running candidates against anti-referendum MPs at the next election, loyalists insisted it amounted to taking money from the enemy — "like me taking it from Tony Blair," said one Tory.

The former prime minister Sir Edward Heath led calls for the whip to be used with local parties and put a stop to it. "It's absolutely abhorrent that our members should accept money from Sir James, someone who is a French member of the European Parliament, lives in France and Mexico, and tries to buy his way into Parliament," he said.

In a statement last night Sir James said he had funded the European Foundation at its inception — an open secret at Westminster — though Mr Cash said he still contributed. The MP does not represent the bulk of Tory Eurosceptics, some of whom regard him as naive.

They believe Sir James's support for his bill — with full-page advertisements in national newspapers last week — to have been unwise for both men, not least because some Cash allies were telling waverers that voting Yes would get Sir James off their backs on election day.

With Mr Blair taunting Mr Major over his refusal to denounce the bill in advance — and Robin Cook later urging the Prime Minister to admit "which foreign millionaires fund his party" — some Labour MPs plan to raise the issue today as a possible breach of parliamentary privilege. It is illegal to use threats or inducements to sway MPs' votes. At least one



Tory Eurosceptic Bill Cash at the Millbank TV studios yesterday before he launched his referendum bill in the Commons PHOTOGRAPH: STEFAN ROUSSEAU



Tory said Lord Nolan should examine the issue. The row overshadowed the 95-1 vote on Mr Cash's Referendum Bill, in which 14 Labour MPs, two Liberal Democrats and five Ulster Unionists joined the 74 backbench Tories — including a clutch of former cabinet ministers — in trying to limit Mr Major's scope in the Maastricht review conference.

EU leaders sense Major retreat on lifting beef ban

EUROPEAN Union leaders are increasingly confident that John Major is about to settle the beef war in return for an agreement on a phased lifting of the export ban which will leave key issues unresolved, writes John Palmer in Brussels. A draft agreement to be put to EU foreign ministers in Rome on Monday will set out stages for removing the ban but will contain neither a timetable nor guarantee that each stage will be implemented. Commission officials said

any framework would demand complete satisfaction that measures promised by Britain to eliminate BSE had been successful. Priority candidates for easing the ban, including new-born calves and beef cattle fed on grass, would be identified, but the framework would leave vague the conditions for activating each successive stage by which the ban would be lifted. In return Britain will be expected to announce an immediate and unconditional abandonment of its

policy of non-cooperation which has led to ministers vetoing more than 70 EU decisions in recent weeks. Jacques Santer, the President of the Commission, said in Brussels: "I am quite confident now that we can reach an agreement on a framework before the Florence summit."

An agreement which falls short of Britain's original demand for the immediate and wholesale lifting of the beef ban would provoke a fierce reaction from Conservative Eurosceptics. Tory Eurosceptics claimed that the vote, wholly symbolic since the bill has no chance of becoming law, again showed how the tide on the Tory benches was steadily moving their way. Earlier this year another Tory sceptic, Iain Duncan-Smith, got 66 Tories to back his similar 10-minute rule bill to subordinate the European Court's rulings to Britain's own.

Among the former cabinet backers yesterday were Norman Lamont, Kenneth Baker, Jonathan Aitken and John Redwood, who called it a "good test of opinion". Old hands saw the affair as a mixture of reckless boat-rocking by Tories who have abandoned all hope in the election and misplaced belief by others that jingoism is the only option left for winning the election.

Mr Blair earlier challenged Mr Major at question time to stand up to his rebels. "If you carry on running from them, they will carry on chasing you — and the loser will be Britain," the Labour leader said. Mr Major said Sir James was free to spend £20 million fielding candidates "but he is not going to change our policy".

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Gold touch

Sir James Goldsmith's donations

- 1987 To help Tories fight General Election.
1988-89 To help Conservative MPs Neil Hamilton and Gerald Howarth fight the BBC libel action.
1992 To help Conservative Party fight General Election. Regularly wired and dried by Lord McAlpine, former Tory treasurer.
1993 To fund Bill Cash and 25 other hard core rebels fighting Maastricht Treaty, including paying for newspaper advertisements.
1996 £4 million to fund the Europe of Nations Party. Got 13 MEPs and 13 per cent of the vote in the French European elections.
1996 To fund Bill Cash's European Foundation and back his Referendum Bill which calls for a fresh vote on federal membership of EU.
1996-97 Up to £20 million to fund Referendum Party to fight next General Election by putting up 650 candidates.

President's plat du jour - battered bacon with cream gravy or chip buttie with mayonnaise

Ian Katz in New York

IN CASE Whitewater. Paula Jones and the unfolding FBI files controversy were not enough to keep them awake at night, White House aides face a new political headache: a cook-and-tell book about President Clinton's notoriously unhealthy eating habits.

dishes up the dirt on the president's appetite for nutritional incorrect dishes, such as Battered and Fried Bacon with Cream Gravy or Mayonnaise and Potato Chip Sandwich, a delicacy reportedly devised by Tipper Gore, the vice-president's wife. Hoping to emulate the success of the political roman-a-clef, Primary Colours, the book's authors are remaining

officially anonymous, although Jaime Schilcher, a chef who has cooked for Mr Clinton, has been less reticent than her fiction-writing counterpart. "Bill Clinton is a true sensualist," she told the New York Post. "He likes power, women and food."

The collection of Mr Clinton's favourite recipes is unlikely to do him serious political damage. He has long been ridiculed as a compulsive eater with a penchant for junk food. Although he jogs regularly, the First Girth has grown almost as rapidly as the federal budget deficit, and reports of pizza deliveries to the White House (allegedly up 18 per cent when Hillary is away) have dogged his term in office.

At a recent Washington dinner, he made light of his heavyweight appetite, asking who Americans would trust to choose the toppings on their take-out pizzas: "Bob Dole or Bill Clinton?" Ms Schilcher insists Mr Clinton should not be blamed for his unhealthy tastes because "he's from Arkansas". She says she will be voting for him in November, dismissing his Republican rival Bob Dole as "strictly boiled chicken".

Mr Dole's campaign staff have been quick to rebut the charge that their candidate is a man of unadventurous tastes. "Just last weekend he was in New Jersey enjoying pastrami with Christie Whitman (the New Jersey governor)," a spokesman said.

Inside Britain All-party talks on Northern Ireland hovered between crisis and farce as Unionists continued to obstruct George Mitchell as chairman

World News Angola faces crisis as demobbed soldiers saten to reestablish an already tense and divided country

Finance Consumers will pay another £400 million this year to help clean up old nuclear reactors even though electricity bills will be cut by £20

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PM blunders with lottery grants jibe

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

On the list

THE Prime Minister last night looked to have scored an own-goal when he launched an outspoken attack on the National Lottery Charities Board for giving "ill-judged" grants to groups working with gays, prostitutes and asylum-seekers. It emerged that two of the four groups cited by John Major's office had been government-funded. A third has been consulted regularly by the Metropolitan Police.

- Scottish Prostitutes Education Project: Provides support and information to young male and female prostitutes; has been funded by Lothian health board and the Scottish Office; based in Edinburgh. £81,553 lottery cash over three years will pay for a staff member, office, training and running costs.
West Midlands Anti-Deportation Campaign: supports and provides information for asylum-seekers, refugees and others affected by the Immigration and Asylum Act; based in Birmingham. £65,858 over three years to produce information material.
Leicester Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Centre: provides counselling and support; has been funded by Home Office and Department of Health. £49,586 over three years will pay for part-time and seasonal youth workers, and fund related running costs.
Gay and Lesbian London Policing (Gallop): civilian group which monitors the policing of the capital's gay community and advises the Metropolitan Police. £26,100 for one year to employ a full-time "outreach" worker and meet running costs of a support service for young victims of homophobic abuse and attacks.

Mr Major told the Commons that the boards distributing lottery good-cause money "from time to time make awards that are ill-founded and ill-judged". Speaking about grant awards at prime minister's question time, Mr Major said: "A small number do not in my judgment reflect the way Parliament and the public expected lottery money to be spent."

His comments came after the lottery charities board awarded a total £159 million to 2,229 organisations working with young people and those on low income. Recipients include Scout and Guide groups and large, mainstream charities like Help the Aged, the Samaritans, ChildLine and the NSPCC.

A spokesman for Mr Major said his remarks had been prompted by grants totalling almost £235,000 by the board to the Scottish Prostitutes Education Project, the West Midlands Anti-Deportation Campaign, the Leicester Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Centre and Gay and Lesbian London Policing.

Although not named by Downing Street, the Reading-based Reach Out Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Group received £111,681 for a three-year research and development project. The Milton Keynes Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youthline also got £57,472 for three years.

As further details of the groups emerged, it was confirmed that the Scottish Prostitutes Education Project had been funded by £3,480 a year for the past three years by the Scottish Office with the aim of "minimising the spread of AIDS among prostitutes in Scotland".

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Sketch

Greengrocer from Mexico cashes in



Simon Hoggart

BILL Cash should remember, never go on stage with children, animals, or Tony Banks. Mr Cash is the Eurosceptic's Eurosceptic, a man of immense height, only slightly less gravitas, and a fund of fascinating knowledge about such scandals as the European cauliflower mountain.

They make them feel cosy and unthreatened. Then Mr Banks stood up. He was a surprising choice as challenger, being best known for his successful appearances on radio quiz shows and his constant barracking from the back benches.



'There are strong indications that advisers lied in their Whitewater testimony'



Clinton aides face perjury charges. The independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, that perjury charges he brought against Harold Ickes, White House deputy chief of staff, Margaret Williams, chief of staff to Mrs Clinton, and Susan Thomas, a close friend and adviser to the First Lady.



Bob Dole and his wife Elizabeth attend a Washington dinner for his retirement from Senate to concentrate on the presidential campaign. The growing scandal surrounding the Clintons, left, including a new controversy over FBI files, has given him an ideal political opportunity

Net closes in on First Lady

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First night

Playing tricks with despair

Lyn Gardner. The Trick is to Keep Breathing. Royal Court, London

A WOMAN with red hair and a black dress stands in front of a microphone. Behind her are two women, one in a hospital gown, the other in a nurse's uniform.

wielded to score the word ME into canvas, red paint welling like blood from a wound. Joy admits that she has a problem getting outside of her head. So does the production.

Crisis and farce grip Ulster talks

Mitchell watches Euro 96 while parties try for goals over his role

Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, is reserving judgement but wants a sub-committee to consider new proposals concerning the extent of his powers before a chairman is sworn in.

warning him that there would be "bodies on the streets" unless the Unionist parties accepted Mr Mitchell. "I have told the Secretary of State that we will not have that behaviour in this building."

Murdoch £400m shares buy-back

Paul Murphy, Stock Market Correspondent

RUPERT Murdoch yesterday announced plans for a £400 million buy-back of News International, following the recent example of Telegraph proprietor Conrad Black.

Car mechanic charged over IRA's Canary Wharf bomb

A CAR mechanic from Northern Ireland appeared in court in London yesterday charged in connection with the Canary Wharf bomb in which two died last February.

at Paddington Green police station. McKinley was driven to court in a five-vehicle convoy and charged with conspiracy to cause an explosion likely to endanger life and cause serious damage to property.

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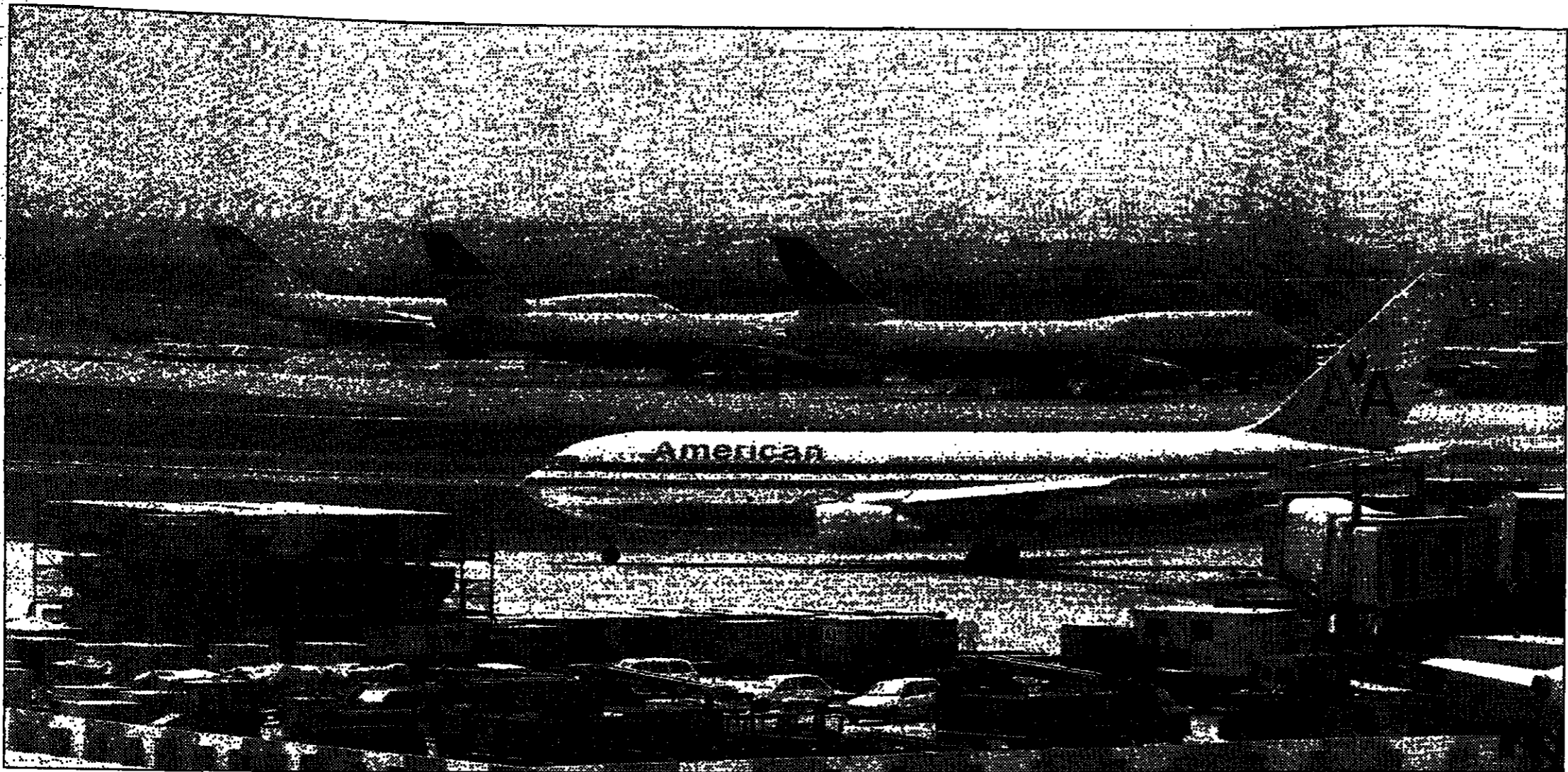
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Virgin boss steps up pressure for Minister to veto agreement 'that would create a dominant monster'

BA deal may deliver £100 fares to US



American Airways and BA planes on the tarmac at Heathrow. A tie-up could give them 60 per cent of Atlantic routes.

PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEASER

American alliance commands 60pc of Atlantic market

Keith Harper
Transport Editor

TRANSATLANTIC fares of little more than £100 could become the norm following the sealing of a global alliance yesterday between British Airways and American Airlines.

The deal, to come into force next April, would give the companies more than 60 per cent of traffic on the North American route. It awaits approval from the US and British governments, however, which may take a long time.

Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, forecast that prices between Britain and the US, which had dropped by 40 per cent over the past 10 years, would continue to fall. BA's cheapest low season fare to New York is £238. Virgin charges £198 and several analysts suggested last night that a £100 fare was possible in little more than two years' time.

The deal brought an immediate protest from Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, to Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary. Mr

Branson urged Sir George not to approve the deal. "What will be created will be a monster, an airline which is completely dominant."

Mr Branson, whose airline is the third largest carrier between Britain and the US, said the deal was not in the consumer's interest and would inevitably lead to higher not cheaper fares. "It will make it far more difficult for smaller airlines to get off the ground, and keep the larger carriers alert."

BA and American say that by co-ordinating their networks they will offer the widest choice of routings and departure times between almost 36,000 locations, providing seamless connections through Europe, the Far East and Latin America.

No exchange of equity or other forms of cross-shareholding are involved. The two companies will remain separate, retaining their identities, brands and nationalities. Each will continue to operate its own aircraft and crews, with no reduction in transatlantic flying by either.

The two carriers will establish a joint team to plan the

operations of BA's 244 flights a week from the UK to its 22 destinations in the US, including Concorde services, and American's 238 flights a week from seven US airports to 12 European destinations.

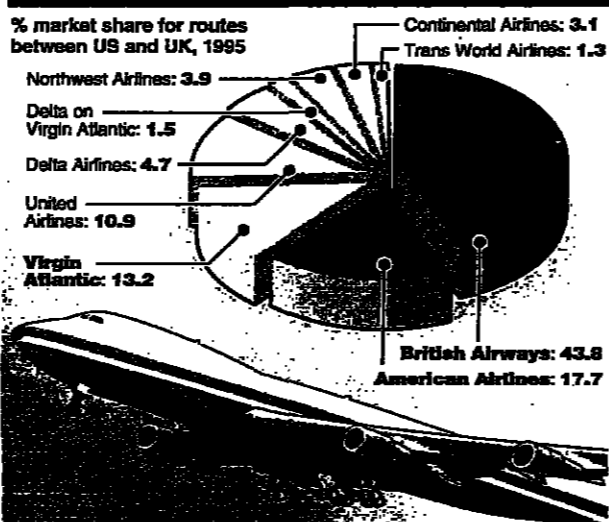
Mr Ayling said: "Our alliance with American is very good news for consumers, for our employees and for our shareholders." He pointed out that the deal was "indefinite", expected to last at least 11 years, with heavy penalty clauses applying if one of the partners wanted to pull out after six years.

Critics have suggested that the partners will be able to secure more coveted slots at Heathrow. But Mr Ayling stressed that neither BA, which holds 40 per cent of the Heathrow slots, nor American was seeking to increase its entitlement.

"They have asked their governments for a bilateral agreement to increase competition and introduce regulations covering the alliance. The Department of Transport said last night the Government was interested in the proposals and would be exploring them with US officials."

The Civil Aviation Authority said the alliance brought "legitimate concerns" about competition and passengers' interests. The deal could reduce competition, which could be checked by introducing a new airline or "enhancing the competitive scope for a number of other airlines".

Lord of the skies



How they compare worldwide

	British Airways	American Airlines	Virgin Atlantic
Destinations	197	197	197
Countries served	12	63	63
Passengers	4	30m	30m
Aircraft	2m	293	293
Employees	15	55,000	55,000

3,500 (UK only)



Give us back a slice of the action, urges TWA

Mark Tran in New York

HARDLY was the ink dry on the BA/American deal, than TWA, a proud transatlantic carrier before it went bust, began clamouring for the return of its prestigious routes.

TWA, once owned by maverick billionaire Howard Hughes, lost its JFK to Heathrow slots to American Airlines when corporate raider Carl Icahn took over the ailing airline and sold the routes in 1991. Since then it has been reduced to flying into Gatwick from its base in St Louis, Missouri.

Yesterday's deal has prompted TWA to ask again for three flights a day

from JFK to Heathrow, as the airline has been fighting to get a slot out of JFK since 1994.

TWA's president and chief executive, Jeffrey Erickson, has written to the US Transportation Secretary, Federico Pena, saying: "The travelling public in this market is ill-served by the concentration of market power in the hands of very limited number of competitors."

Mr Erickson claimed the "unhealthy uncompetitive environment" was a direct result of "the UK international aviation policy to protect its flag carriers from additional competition."

TWA has timed its latest request for maximum effect given the wide concern with the dominance that BA and American will exercise over the transatlantic market once their alliance takes effect next year. Together the two carriers will control 60 per cent of traffic across the Atlantic.

In its application for return of the routes, TWA noted that BA recently announced record pre-tax profits of \$901 million (\$589 million), a significant portion of which was generated, it argued, on US-London routes.

No cult link in suicide pact

A BRITISH woman who killed herself in a suicide pact with her boyfriend at an American shooting range was pregnant, an inquest heard yesterday.

Ruth Fleming and Stephen Bateman, both 22, killed themselves by simultaneously placing handguns in their mouths and squeezing the triggers at a shooting range near Phoenix, Arizona, on February 21.

At yesterday's Durham City inquest it was revealed that Ms Fleming, originally from nearby Bowburn, was expecting a baby when she was killed.

John McCarthy, the pathologist who carried out a post mortem after her body was flown back to the UK, said she was 10 to 12 weeks pregnant.

The couple had previously been living at Andover, Hampshire, with Jane Greenhow, also 22, the inquest heard.

The three left Britain on January 6 and began a tour of the US. But for some reason they split up and the final tragedy came when Mr Bateman and Ms Fleming, with only 84 cents in cash between them, ended it all at the range.

Next day Ms Greenhow heard about their deaths on contacting the car hire company at Las Vegas and she was subsequently found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot in her hired car at Redding, northern California.

The couple may have been influenced by the 19th century German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, who influenced the Nazi movement, the inquest was told.

But despite books by him found in their hire car and a suicide note referring to his beliefs, there was no evidence that Mr Bateman and Ms Fleming had links with paramilitary or neo-Nazi groups.

The North Durham coroner, Geoffrey Burt, said the possibility had been checked out by the FBI, but no evidence of connections was found.

Recording suicide verdicts on Ms Fleming and Mr Bateman, the coroner said it was clear that both, or one of them, were interested in Nietzsche. "However, there is no evidence that there was any ulterior motive in going to the US," he added. "There is no evidence of any links with paramilitary or neo-Nazi organisations."

He was satisfied they did commit suicide and that it was premeditated.

The hearing was told all three friends were found in black combat-style gear when they died. Ms Fleming's toenails were painted black and she had a tattoo on her left upper arm, described as an unusual geometric shape.

The hearing began with the coroner explaining that he was not only resuming the inquest on Ms Fleming, which he opened on March 6, but also that of Mr Bateman, which was opened at Boston, Lincolnshire, on March 14.

7th bout of meningitis

Nick Varley

A WOMAN was last night in a critical condition in hospital after contracting meningitis for the seventh time.

Krystyn Wilde, aged 37, first contracted the disease more than six years ago and has suffered four repeats in the last eight months.

Her latest life-threatening bout came only 10 days after she was allowed home after recovering from another outbreak.

Last night her husband Alan, aged 41, said he had suggested that a crack in his wife's skull — the result of a childhood accident — may have made her more susceptible to the bacterial strain of the brain tissue disease.

This year doctors examined her skull and, after finding a small crack have promised an operation, which he hoped would take place after his wife recovered from the latest bout.

"When she had it for the third time, a doctor told me

that to have it once was bad, twice very rare, and three times just unknown," he said.

"She is very strong willed but it is a terrible thing to see happen to someone you love. To see someone suffer more than once is bad enough, but seven times? There must be an inquiry."

Mrs Wilde first contracted the disease on Christmas Eve, 1989. She recovered in a month and remained healthy for 18 months. But she suffered two more bouts before the latest series started in October.

On Saturday she was admitted to Sandwell General Hospital in the West Midlands suffering from pneumococcal meningitis.

She was later transferred to the intensive care unit at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, where doctors last night said her condition was critical.

Mr Wilde, of West Bromwich, said: "Every attack is more life-threatening than the last. Her system is breaking up and she just can't take any more."

"She is terrified. When I took her to hospital on Saturday she turned to me and said: 'Is it going to kill me, this one?'"

Mr Wilde added: "This last bout came on so strongly, so viciously, that it took me by surprise."

"I have got used to recognising the symptoms, they usually come over a few hours, but this took hold much faster."

Ray Thompson, of the National Meningitis Trust, said such a repeated outbreak was unique.

"There are some types of the disease which can recur but thankfully they are very, very rare. It is unusual for someone to suffer twice but where there has been a skull injury it does seem to complicate matters. That is not to say that anyone who has had a skull injury is going to get meningitis."

Mr Thompson added: "It is very unusual for someone of this age to contract the disease. It is normally either the young or the old, with their poorer defences."

Major blunders with 'ill-judged lottery grants' jibe at sex groups

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funded under a Home Office scheme, launched by Margaret Thatcher, and had received grants from the Department of Health.

Gay and Lesbian London Policing has regularly been called on by the police for advice on the gay community. It is said to be well respected by the Metropolitan force.

Mr Major's comments brought echoes of the embarrassment suffered last autumn by Brian Mawhinney, Conservative Party chairman, when he ridiculed a Labour council's funding of the Hopscotch Asian Women's Group in north London — only to find it was also supported by the Home Office.

Downing Street said Mr Major's attention had been drawn to the four groups by Virginia Bottomley, National Heritage Secretary who has overall responsibility for the lottery. She had asked for a report from David Sieff, who chairs the charities board.

The board, which has full autonomy to make awards of

its choosing, last night defended the schemes as having been chosen on merit.

Mr Sieff said: "Projects assisting gay people, lesbians and deportees account for less than 1 per cent of the £169 million awarded today. The board will be willing to explain the benefits of the particular schemes it has approved to ministers and the media."

The board has been under fire for its awards, which have so far concentrated on poverty and youth issues, since it started making grants last October.

It yesterday announced it was to seek the views of the public on which charities should benefit. "Public focus groups" are being set up this summer in each English region and in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to supplement voluntary sector consultation.

Of the £169 million awarded yesterday, £68 million is going to 364 charities working with people on low income and £91 million to 1,265 youth issue groups.

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They thumb their noses at John Major, the leader of the country to which they claim allegiance. They must be the most disloyal loyalists in history. They refuse to give an inch. For them "no surrender" is not a slogan; it is a way of life.

Roy Greenslade

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Waldegrave claims drive to deregulate market has created more employment in comments denounced by Labour as 'complacent'

Fears for job security 'unfounded'

Richard Thomas
Economics Correspondent

THE Government yesterday issued a staunch defence of Britain's record as a creator of high quality jobs, describing claims of growing job insecurity as exaggerated.

The Chief Treasury Secretary, William Waldegrave, told the American Chambers of Commerce that the Conservative drive to deregulate the labour market had delivered more jobs, compared to the burdensome rules governing work in continental European countries.

"Big government not only destroys freedom — it destroys jobs," he said. "Keeping the state in check — and thereby helping the magic of the market to provide jobs is the best way to achieve a society which is not divided against itself by the cancer of long-term unemployment."

Mr Waldegrave tackled claims that removing job rules had generated only low-skill, fragile "hamburger-flipping" employment. He cited new Treasury figures showing that two-thirds of the jobs created since 1993 had been in occupations with above-average wages.

Although he admitted job insecurity had risen, he said fears were not in line with



William Waldegrave: 'Big government destroys jobs'



John Prescott: Short-term contracts bring insecurity

real trends in the jobs market, and denied any link between government reforms — such as the abolition of the wages councils or erosion of trade union rights — and insecurity.

"Deregulation has been blamed for creating a climate in which nobody can feel secure in a job. This is simplistic and misleading. The structure of an economy cannot be picked in a pie."

But Labour seized on his comments as evidence that the Government is out of touch with voters. The deputy Labour leader, John Prescott, said: "Mr Waldegrave has no experience of part-time work. I must tell him that insecurity comes from having short-term contracts. It's that kind

of fact that most people live with from day to day, and Mr Waldegrave appears to be complacent about."

But Mr Waldegrave said people were working part-time because it suited them, and cited more part-timers as evidence of a truly flexible labour market.

Last night economists said general economic trends were far more important than narrow technical discussions about the degree of regulation.

They agreed with Mr Waldegrave's claim that two-thirds of the jobs created since the autumn of 1993 have been in industries paying above average wages, but said this was simply an extension of a post-war trend away from

unskilled manual labour towards "brain work".

John Philpott, director of the Employment Policy Institute, said: "This is hardly a new discovery. There has been a long collapse in demand for unskilled work. In fact, the problem is we're not creating enough poor jobs, for all the unskilled labour."

Another shift in the shape of Britain's job market, highlighted by Labour, has been towards part-time work: there are more than 6 million part-timers, up from less than 4 million in 1981. Meanwhile, the number of people in full-time jobs has dropped by more than 1 million.

But experts said the drift to part-time work is unrelated to the reforms of the 1980s, having grown more rapidly — albeit from a low base — in the 1950s and 1960s than in the 1980s.

Mr Waldegrave's attack on the notion that Britain has become a hire-and-fire workplace, with people moving at dizzying pace from job to job, was also backed by a labour market expert at the London School of Economics, Peter Robinson. He said average job tenure is now eight years, compared to nine years when Margaret Thatcher came to power: "Hardly a revolution."

Analysts also agreed that Britain's recent record on job creation was better than in continental Europe. But economists, while disagreeing about the desirability of job regulation, all said this performance had been less to do with legislation than with market forces.

Dr Robinson said: "I am looking to the fact we have finally got the balance of macro-economic policy right, rather than to labour market reforms. Although we could easily have some modest regulation without adverse consequences."

Patrick Minford, a free market member of the Government's advisory panel of economists, said deregulation would have helped Britain's job performance more if the Government had pursued an even more expansionary policy. "Deregulation does work, but hasn't really had the chance to show its paces yet because we are still running policy too tight."



Shantiel Bell with her children, Shannel, aged 13, and Steven, 10: 'The jobs aren't there.'

PHOTOGRAPH BY GRAHAM TURNER

Winners and losers in a tight market

Ex-counsellor seeks advice in work hunt

EVEN a degree failed to keep Shantiel Bell off the dole queue. She has got desperate enough to consider "hostess" work, writes Sarah Ryle.

The 34-year-old mother of two was made redundant from her job as a Citizens' Advice Bureau counsellor in east London last year as funding dried up. She joined the CAB in 1985 with a sociology degree and a college qualification in welfare rights. She earned up to £20,000.

She said: "I loved that job, and I've tried to get

Accountant profits from loss of job

NOT everybody has suffered as a result of rising job insecurity, writes Sarah Ryle.

Accountant John Burston, who lost his job nine years ago, has watched his client list swell as others have been forced out of traditional employment.

Based in Gloucester, Mr Burston, aged 43, now self-employed, works from home. The growth of short-term contracts over the past five years has put people of all ages and from a range of professions on his books.

"They all end up coming to

Accountant profits from loss of job

work in the same field but the jobs aren't there. I've gone for other work but the money is so bad.

"I've even started to look through the newspaper ads for hostess jobs. If anybody can tell me how else to get work, I'd want to hear from them."

Ms Bell has contacted the Hackney-based charity Bootstrap for advice. Catherine Briody, a Bootstrap job counsellor, said people who try to get back into the labour market are deterred by the insecurity of part-time, low-paid jobs.

She said: "People ... don't realise how much it has changed. If there is even a three-month contract going with the council I say to people: 'Go for it, get your foot in the door.'"

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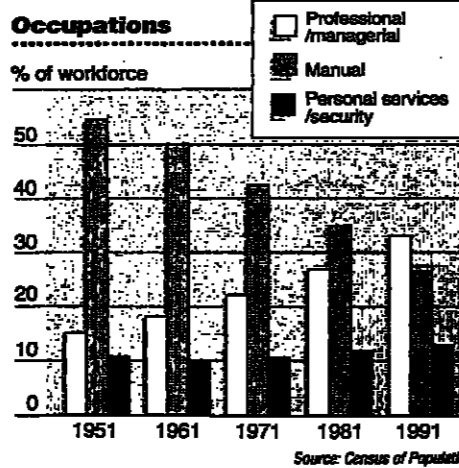
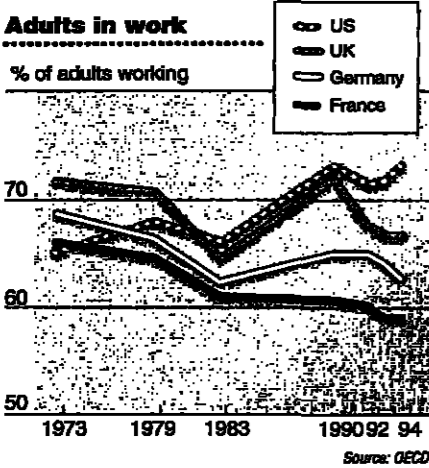
Mr Burston's clients work in television, which has relied on short-term contracts for many years, but he said the practice has now spread across the more traditional professions, including banking.

People have turned self-employed to counterbalance their new insecurity with lower tax bills.

Mr Burston said this has led to extra vigilance by the Inland Revenue. "A self-employed worker can usually save about 35 to 40 per cent of their personal tax liabilities and 50 per cent of their National Insurance liabilities."

Mr Burston works a 70-hour, six-day week, but believes he would earn twice as much in a traditional job.

Workforce profile



PETROLEUM CONTROL COMMISSION

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO MALAWI

The Petroleum Control Commission (PCC) of P.O. Box 2827, Blantyre, Malawi wish to invite sealed TENDERS from eligible suppliers for the supply of white petroleum products - Mogas (Petrol), Automotive Gas Oil (Diesel) and Dual Purpose Kerosene (Jet A-1 and Paraffin) for 1996/97 as specified below:-

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 - At least two first class international bank references.
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Telefax : 00 265 620 908
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a. changes in demand of the products in Malawi, and
b. prices offered.

PRODUCTS QUANTITY

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- Members of the public may attend the opening of the tenders in the Boardroom of Petroleum Control Commission, 6th Floor, Umoyo House, Victoria Avenue, Blantyre, on 01.07.96, 15.00 hours, Malawi time.

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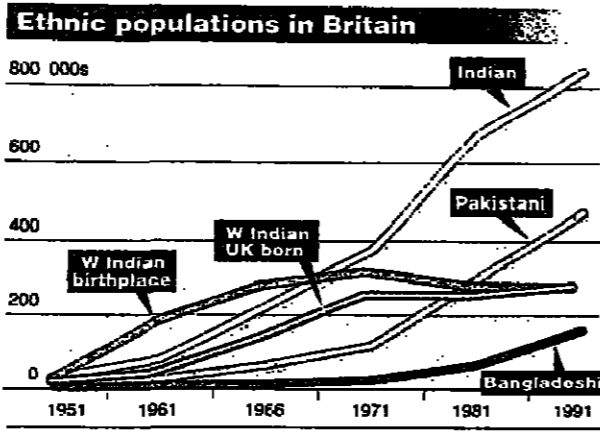
Census findings reveal growth of 'ethnic villages' in search for a better quality of life

Blacks move towards suburbs

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

THE black population is now mostly British-born and does not live in African-American style ghettos but instead has moved from the inner cities to 'ethnic villages' in the suburbs...

collar workers with professional qualifications," said the study's author, Ceri Peach, of Oxford University. "The Jewish future seems to be coming about for the Indian population and to an extent for the Pakistani population, although not for the Bangladeshis..."



majority of children born in Britain. The move to the suburbs is most evident among the black Caribbeans, with a significant flight during the 1980s from London's inner city areas such as Lambeth, Tottenham and North Kensington to London suburbs such as Brent and Croydon.

than the more traditional areas of Brixton or Paddington. Over the past 30 years families have generally moved out of privately rented flats into council housing. Nearly half own their homes. The black Caribbean population is far more integrated than in the United States...

hard working but disadvantaged with unemployment rates more than double the white average. The study says the key social differences between the ethnic groups lie in their patterns of family life. "The Indians, Pakistanis, Bangladeshis and Chinese show traditional family patterns. Single person households are rare..."

News in brief

Drug smuggler's jail term cut

THE 25-year jail sentence handed down to British woman Sandra Gregory by a court in Thailand has been cut by three years under an amnesty celebrating Thai King Bhumipol's golden jubilee...

Labour plans curfew trial

LABOUR is proposing a pilot scheme for a night-time curfew on children aged under 10, as suggested by Jack Straw, the shadow home secretary, last week...

Family thrives far from estate's crowds

Gary Younger

GEE Bernard stands at her back door proudly showing off her plum and apple trees and reminiscing about the bad old days. "On the estate in Lambeth the police used to use the 'sus' law to trouble my children and once they kicked my door down..."



Quieter life... Gee Bernard outside her home in Thornton Heath, south London

Profiles

INDIANS: The largest official ethnic minority numbering 840,000 with 41 per cent born in the UK. About 17 per cent born in East Africa. More than half live in the South-east and its social class is skewed towards the upper echelons of white collar work and semi-skilled manual work.

"That way you can choose your neighbours and if you have your own place people have to think twice about troubling you." At the time she was one of the few black people in the area. "Being such a small minority is difficult at first. When my son was 15 the National Front beat him up just at the end of the road. No matter where you go your colour goes with you. I think it is wrong when people try and move too far away from their community..."

social worker, is a councillor and runs the Croydon African Caribbean Family Organisation, which offers support and advice to black families in the area. While Thornton Heath is not paradise, she believes she now has a far superior quality of life. "It's not that some of the same problems might not arise that affected me on the estate. But you are a little bit more sheltered from them when they do."

just finished university and another still at college. Standing in the middle of her road, Ms Bernard points from one end to the other giving a roll call of her neighbours' ethnic origins. "It's like the United Nations here. The one in the corner is white, next door is Polish, then Chinese, Guyanese, Jamaican, English and that one is from Ghana."

Ms Bernard, a trained social worker, is a councillor and runs the Croydon African Caribbean Family Organisation, which offers support and advice to black families in the area.

his latest attempt to publicise himself. "Everyone tries to sell themselves in some sort of way," he said. "I'm taking the energy from myself and trying to put it to some good. Perhaps someone will see this and the next time they make love they'll wear a condom."

Advertising's bad boy tries to dispel fear of Aids by bringing grim reality to art gallery in 'conceptual documentary'

Dan Glaister looks at a living creation

TONY Kaye, the naughty boy of the advertising world, has brought Aids to a London gallery. The centrepiece of Don't Be Scared is three HIV positive young Americans lounging on a black sofa, with samples of their blood in phials on a platform. Beside them a notice reads, "Don't Be Scared by Tony Kaye. Please touch."



Live art... Tony Kaye's latest offering, featuring three HIV positive young Americans

Mr Kaye advertised for HIV positive models and stood them outside the Museum of Modern Art in New York. From there the show went to a hotel in Los Angeles, before coming to London. Glenn Gaylord, one of the three models who flew in from Los Angeles for the London show, said he did not feel inhibited about appearing nude in an exhibition. "Being HIV Positive has forced me to confront my fears," he said. "This was just a new challenge."

The three, who are not being paid for their appearances, will take turns sitting on the sofa for the next three weeks, before the show goes to Amsterdam and then Japan. Mr Kaye rejected the charge that this was merely

THE mother of Moors murder victim Keith Bennett will today take a medium on an anniversary hunt for his body. Winnie Johnson will make the pilgrimage to Saddleworth Moor, near Manchester, in the hope the psychic can discover Keith's grave on what would have been his 44th birthday.

Medium in moors body hunt

Mrs Johnson, aged 62, who has spent 32 years searching for the remains of her 13-year-old son said medium Teresa Walsh had given her fresh hope. The medium, from Moston, Manchester, had made contact after receiving messages from Keith asking her to find him, she said. Mrs Johnson, from Fallowfield, Manchester, has visited the moor every year on Keith's birthday and the anniversary of his kidnap and murder by Myra Hindley and Ian Brady in summer, 1964.

Correction

A PHOTOGRAPH on page 3 yesterday was of Sir John Kerr, former Governor-General of Australia, not of Sir John Kerr, present Ambassador to the United States, as stated. We apologise for the error.

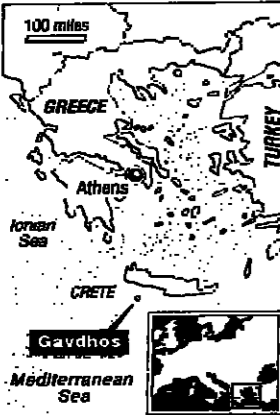
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Greek alert after new Aegean row

Helena Smith in Athens

GREECE has put its armed forces on alert and said it will strengthen its war machine after accusing Turkey of undermining peace in the Aegean, where the two Nato allies almost exchanged blows in January. The prime minister, Costas Simitis, announced the measures yesterday after a crisis meeting with senior military officials. Greece accused a Turkish warship of violating its territorial waters and sailing close to a Greek hydrofoil before heading back to the Turkish coast in the southern Aegean. "The two vessels came as close as 70 metres from each other, sailing on a parallel

provocations will continue," Mr Reppas said. Abandoning his normally moderate tone, Mr Simitis said Athens would toughen its stance against Ankara by continuing to block European Union aid and increasing the country's arsenal. Both, he declared, were aimed at fending off the threat of "systematic Turkish aggression" in the troubled waters. Tensions between the two feuding neighbours rose sharply last week after Ankara challenged Greece's ownership of Gavdos, an inhabited island south of Crete. "Turkey systematically undermines stability in the region. Our armed forces are in full readiness. Greece is determined to face these provocations with all means," Mr Simitis said. Not since the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974 have bilateral relations been as fraught.



course for a few minutes inside Greek waters. The Turkish warship then headed back to the Turkish coast, a government spokesman, Dimitris Reppas, said. He said that the incident took place between the islands of Kos and Rhodes, and Athens would protest to Ankara. "Today's incident justifies our view that Turkish

Analysts in Athens said the latest incident had quickly raised Greek fears that Ankara is poised to cast doubt on the status quo of the entire Aegean sea.

Populated mainly by fishermen, Gavdos lies some 250 miles south-east of the Turkish coast, in sharp contrast to Imia, the barren frontier island whose disputed status triggered a tense air and naval stand-off between the two countries, five months ago. Echoing the concern, Nikos Kouris, the deputy defence minister, said: "It is clear that Turkey is not only attempting to undermine stability in the region but also to return to the conditions that existed before the first world war [which saw the break-up of the Ottoman empire]."

Germany feels Czech hatred

Suspicious about Bonn's plans have reopened old sores, Ian Traynor finds in Prague

THE menacing German eagle chivies the small defenceless Czech Republic in its talons. This vicious image of a predatory Germany overwhelming its weak, vulnerable neighbour has been defacing the streets of Prague for weeks. The election poster comes courtesy of the extreme right-wing Czech nationalists, the Republicans, whose leader Miroslav Sladek has been peddling lurid allegations about German intentions and calling for the expulsion of more than a hundred thousand romances.

1996, up nine points on the previous year. Those against German economic investment outstripped those in favour by 92 per cent. A Prague student who spent several days driving around the city in a German-registered car said he was shocked by the rudeness and routine hostility he encountered. "I would never have believed my people were so anti-German, but now I'm seeing it from the outside rather than the inside and it is quite amazing," he said. Anecdotal evidence of fear and loathing is all-pervasive on the streets, with abundant stories of how Germans who used to live here want to come back and strip the Czechs of their weekend cottages and holiday homes.

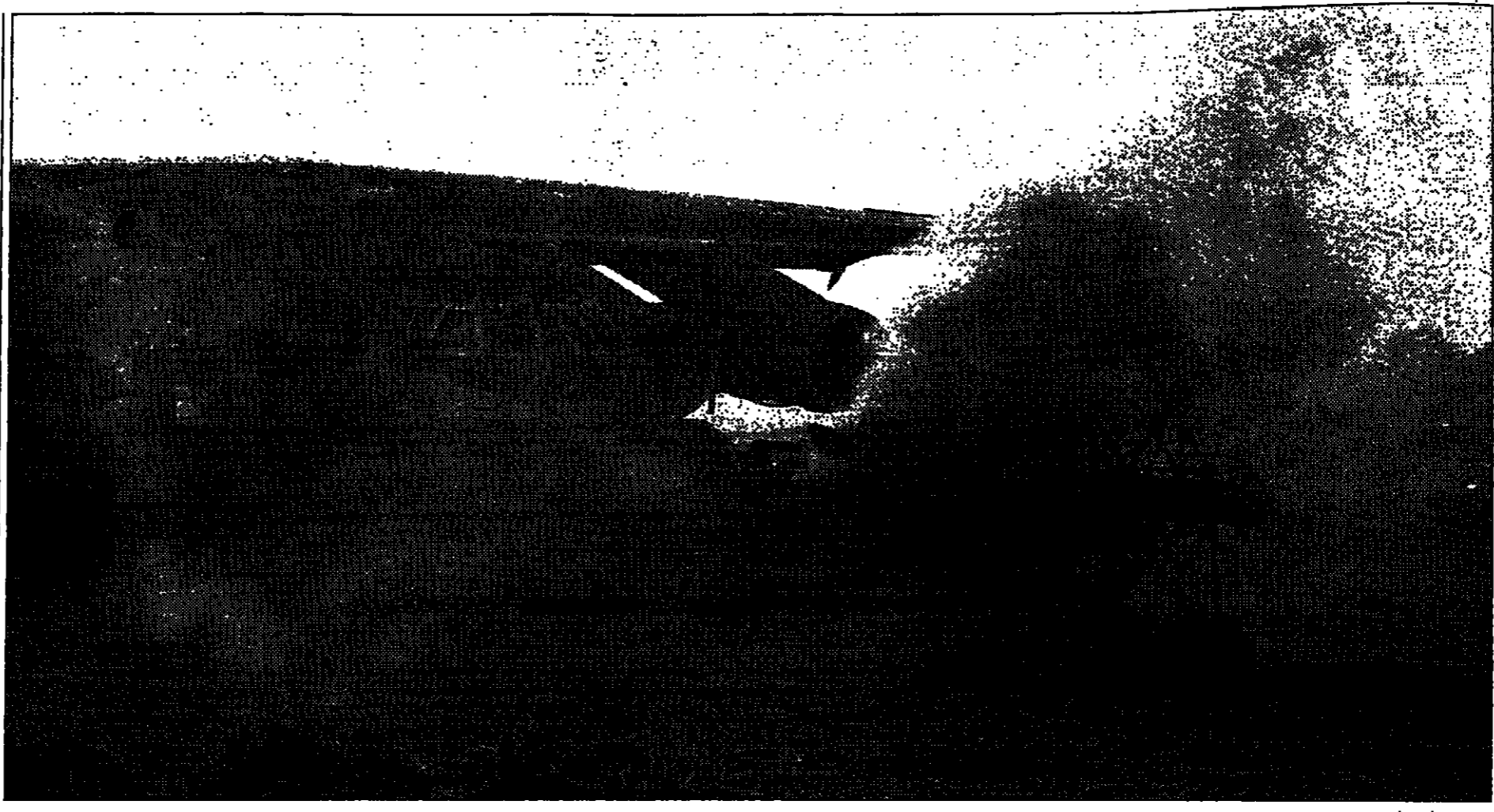
A taxi ride for a German routinely involves an 800 per cent surcharge. But the tensions go all the way to the top. Even the prime minister, Vaclav Klaus, seldom misses an opportunity to have a dig at Chancellor Helmut Kohl. When Mr Klaus visited Bonn last February, Mr Kohl snubbed him. They have not met for four years. And while he is keen to take the Czech Republic into the European Union, Mr Klaus is the loudest Euro-sceptic in post-communist central Europe.

Last week he told the German magazine Der Spiegel that he could imagine that Mr Kohl was not "particularly happy with my view" after attacking his Euro-federalist vision and denouncing ambitions of a "homo Europaeus". Czech-German rivalries go back to medieval times, to 19th century nationalism and to the second world war when the Nazis occupied and partitioned the country. The Czechs took their revenge in 1945-46, expelling 3 million Sudeten Germans who had inhabited the region for centuries. That conflict remains unresolved, which means the Czechs are the only neighbour with whom Germany still has not patched up war differences.

Following Bavarian demands for Czech concessions two weeks ago, which were angrily spurned by Mr Klaus, Prague is buzzing with speculation that Bonn will seek to blackmail the Czechs by hindering their EU negotiations until they fall into line. For more than a year, the Italians did just that with the Slovenes because of a dispute over the property claims of Italians forced to leave the Istria region at the end of the war.

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man tourists invading the medieval beauty of old Prague. As a result, fleeing the foreigner, particularly the German, has become the national sport. A taxi ride for a German tourist in the centre of Prague routinely involves an 800 per cent surcharge. "This is becoming the German economy's backyard," Jan Mladek, a Prague economist, said. Western consultants in the booming Czech capital agree. A poll surveying attitudes towards German economic influence here found that 48 per cent viewed it as malign in



Sweeping progress... A French armoured vehicle clears mines yesterday at Sarajevo airport, expected to reopen in a few months after a four-year closure. PHOTOGRAPH: RIKARD LAFRA

Bosnia sees justice being done

Televised coverage of the Hague tribunal may heal some wounds, writes Julian Borger in Sarajevo

EACH day from 10am to 6pm, the flickering television set in the corner of the Krsliaks' living room in Sarajevo has brought the Bosnian Muslim family some sort of justice, but little comfort. The state-run national television channel binned its normal programming a month ago in favour of a live, daily, eight-hour feed from the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague. For many elderly and unemployed, the painstaking unravelling of the war and its atrocities has become compulsive viewing.

The murmur of bewigged lawyers and their Bosnian interpreters provides a constant backdrop to the Krsliaks' daily routine. Occasionally, Sabiha Krsliak, a pensioner aged 64, sits by the screen to follow the cross-examination of a witness. But when her son, Ha-

sib, enters the room she quickly changes channel or switches the set off. Hasib cannot stand the sight of the pristine Hague courtroom. In July 1993, when he was aged 20, he was captured by the Bosnian Serbs and spent the next 18 months in a series of prison camps in eastern Bosnia, where he was beaten and tortured with live electric cables. Even in the unlikely event that the 98 war crimes suspects indicted by the Hague tribunal were all arrested and sent to jail, it would not be enough for Hasib. "It only annoys me, because I know what happened and I know these people won't be punished as they deserve," he said. "Even death isn't enough. Nobody can do to them what they did to me."

Hasib's parents are wary and respectful of his simmering anger, but a shade more optimistic about the tribunal. Sabiha believes "something might be achieved". The contrast between the Hague's hi-tech, sterilised chamber and the Krsliaks' scruffy, half-gutted block of flats in New Sarajevo reassures her that a professional job is being done. The last witness she saw questioned was Ed Vulliamy, a Guardian journalist who de-

scribed his 1992 visit to the Omarska prison camp where a Bosnian Serb reserve police officer, Dusko Tadic (the first suspect to stand trial), is accused of torturing and killing inmates. Mr Ibrovic, a former lawyer, said: "I think when you see the prosecution asking the real questions about what happened, it will make a difference to people."

So far, the Tadic trial has focused on the background to the war. But yesterday, prison camp victims began giving evidence. The hearings were closed to the cam-

eras to protect the witnesses. The project has enough funds from donors, including the Hungarian-born financier George Soros, to keep broadcasting until the end of July. After that, Internews hopes the Dutch government will keep the project going until the end of the Tadic trial — expected in October — and allow it to cover special hearings on the Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic. They are due to start on June 27 and are expected to lead to the issuing of international arrest warrants. The Internews team in The Hague produces a two-hour summary of each day's testimony, with English-language and Bosnian soundtracks on different channels, broadcast each night by an independent Sarajevo station, TVX. The English version is aimed at the Nato soldiers and diplomats who have flooded into Bosnia to implement the Dayton accord. "It's foreigners who are going to make the important decisions, like whether the war

criminals are going to be arrested," Maria Blacque Bellair, the project director, said. She hopes to help "sensitise" the international community to the scale of the crimes, and maintain pressure on Nato to track down the 52 suspects still at large. The Internews team is also fairly certain its broadcasts have a third audience. "We have heard from good sources that Karadzic and the rest of the Bosnian Serb leaders are watching," Mr Ibrovic said. "I think it's bringing them the reality of what they did and what they should expect."

● Bosnia's mainly-Muslim government will extradite two indicted war criminals to the Hague tribunal, a Sarajevo newspaper reported yesterday. "The decision to extradite (Hazim) Delic and (Esad) Landzo was made by the Bosnian supreme court," the federal deputy justice minister, Dzemal Husic, was quoted as saying. The men, in jail in Sarajevo, are accused of crimes in a concentration camp in southern Bosnia.

'We hear Karadzic and other leaders are watching; it brings home what they did'

US hints that Nato forces could remain after deadline

Reuter in Washington

PEACEKEEPING troops may be asked to stay on in Bosnia after the Nato-led implementation force completes its one-year mandate there, a senior United States official said yesterday. Assistant secretary of state John Kornblum, the US administration's chief co-ordinator for Bosnia policy, said it was "possible, maybe even likely, that there will be other missions" in Bosnia when the

mandate ends in December. But he said it was too early to speculate on what the missions might be, or whether troops or civilians would be asked to carry them out. Mr Kornblum dismissed as "just speculation or private views" — not necessarily an official position — a Washington Post report that a consensus was growing among senior Nato officials that a substantial Nato follow-on force would be likely to patrol the former Yugoslavia well into 1997.

Swedes prepare to stay nuclear

Jon Henley in Helsinki

SWEDEN is getting ready to break its grandest environmental promise — an historic commitment to be rid of nuclear power by 2010 — as its lofty green ambitions collide with economic reality. "I don't think that date is holy any more," said Hans Reden, a senior civil servant at the energy ministry. "It hurts them to say it, but most parties see that it's impossible. Now they need to find a politically acceptable compromise."

Swedes voted overwhelmingly in favour of phasing out their nuclear industry in a landmark referendum held after the 1979 radiation scare at Three Mile Island in the United States. But the 12 reactors provide nearly half the country's electricity. Fears were compounded by the Chernobyl disaster of 1986, when radioactive clouds inflicted long-term damage on Sweden's lakes and forests. Some 200,000 people in a recent poll said worries about the fallout still affected their lifestyle and diet. "People are very concerned about our reactors," said Marianne Samuelson of the opposition Green party. "Many think the deadline is important, and we believe it's a pledge that has to be adhered to. It's perfectly feasible."

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Angola faces chaos as soldiers return to soil

Ill-funded mass demobilisation is a disaster in the making, writes Victoria Brittain in Luanda

SEVENTY thousand men are due to be demobilised in Angola in the coming weeks, threatening to destabilise further this tense and divided country. Banditry is already rife in three key areas, according to the senior United Nations military official in the country, while in the capital, Luanda, car theft and mugging are endemic.

Half of the men to be demobilised are from the government army (the FAA), and the other half from the Unita opposition movement. Many of the latter are not soldiers, UN officials report, but men and boys caught up in the Unita kidnapping sweeps through towns and villages that are still going on.

Very different solutions to the problems of demobilisation are being put forward by the FAA, Unita, the Angolan government and the international community. But a decision has to be made fast.

The formation of the new army is being pushed forward at speed by the FAA. Demobilisation must follow immediately, as the UN's responsibility ends for feeding the former soldiers in quartering areas (QAs).

Demobilisation in 1992, before the elections, was chaotic, with daily riots in QAs, hostage-taking of international staff and wholesale theft of food and equipment.

The government, the former army (Fapa) and the international community were overwhelmed and discredited by the failure.

No one, other than Unita, wants to repeat it, but indecision is setting the scene for something equally disastrous, according to senior officials.

The FAA proposed an ambitious and expensive plan, costing an estimated \$800 million (£522 million), to place the 70,000 men in a fourth branch of the army.

"The fundamental idea was to keep them under military

according to the former minister of planning, Pedro de Moraes, the country lacks the resources for so ambitious a scheme.

"We lack the funds, but also the human resources to organise it — this lack of capacity is Angola's critical problem," Mr. De Moraes said.

The alternative UN plan, at one-tenth of the cost, would release the men individually from the QAs, transport them to where they want to live, and supply them with a kit of tools and seeds and some money for the first six months.

National rehabilitation projects drawn up by the government and the UN Development Programme would give them work.

"Personally, I think a sol-

'A soldier is not a farm worker, two weeks out of the army, he's a potential bandit'

discipline until they were reintegrated into society," said General Joao Matos, the FAA's chief of staff.

For between two and four years, they would work on national rehabilitation, build a house for themselves on their own land, and grow crops which the FAA would initially guarantee to buy.

"We need to control them until they are really civilians, not become bandit groups," Gen Matos said.

The fourth branch is the only real means of getting people back to the land and starting food production. But

dier with 12 or 15 years in the army is not a farm worker. He will immediately sell the kit, then spend the money, wasting it because he has no experience of budgeting for himself — in two weeks he's a potential bandit," Gen Matos said.

The record in the region is not encouraging. General Philip Sibanda, the UN commander in Angola, said: "From our experience, demobilising from the QAs is not a good idea — it almost created a disaster for us in Zimbabwe. They need an organisation to look after them for several years."

The Mozambican president, Joaquim Chissano, last month gave Gen Matos a similar warning after months of civil disorder during demobilisation there.

But donors insist the fourth branch is too expensive and would give too much power to the military. They insist that it should be voluntary, and should be run under the auspices of the ministry of social welfare.

Yet the ministry, like the rest of the civilian administration, is on its knees. Salaries with no value have driven qualified people out of the civil service. Those who remain are handicapped by a lack of resources.

The homeless young, the old, the limbless, the mentally ill, have visibly fallen through whatever safety nets remain. There is no organisational capacity for the huge task of demobilisation and the reintegration of soldiers into civilian life.

Unita opposes the fourth branch. Its leader, Jonas Savimbi, has told western diplomats that it is a question of the dignity of his soldiers. In a recent interview to the French newspaper *Le Figaro*, in his stronghold of Andulo, he hinted that he had his own plans to support his men in their new lives.

With Unita's diamond and coffee riches, Mr Savimbi could afford a political gesture for his own men which would both embarrass and destabilise the FAA and the government in their underfunded efforts, while reinforcing Unita's prestige and control in its own areas.



Wanting a hand... Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader and former prime minister, Khaleda Zia, greets supporters in Dhaka before elections today. She resigned on March 30, after two years of opposition strikes, but is standing again. President Abdur Rahman Biswas has dismissed claims he might manipulate results to favour her. PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN MOORE

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Court hears last words of Selassie



Alice Martin reports from Addis Ababa on the war crimes trial of Colonel Mengistu (above) and former Ethiopian leaders

DRAMATIC new details about the mysterious death of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1975 emerged yesterday during a war crimes trial in Ethiopia.

The trial, which is considering evidence of alleged atrocities committed during the country's communist period from 1974 to 1991, was told that Selassie, who ruled Ethiopia for more than 50 years, was driven from his palace on September 12, 1974, in a Volkswagen Beetle — never to be seen in public again.

The first public account of the emperor's death came from two of the attendants who stayed with him in custody. They were brought in to see his dead body on the morning of August 26 1975.

"There was a smell of ether in the air," one of the witnesses said. "And his majesty was

not lying in his usual position. He only had one pillow. The shawl that he wrapped himself in when he went to sleep was lying in another part of the room. His face was ghastly and there was a bandage around his neck."

The witness described how he had been with the emperor until 9pm the previous evening, when soldiers came to take him away.

"His majesty came from his bed and when he saw what was happening tears came to his eyes and he cried out: 'Is it not true Ethiopia that I have strived for you?' He fell on his knees and prayed. Later I realised that these were his last words to me."

A third witness described how Colonel Haile Mariam Mengistu, who had assumed leadership of the country's new 120 member military council, the Dergue, ordered a number of graves to be dug in the grounds of the Grand Palace where the military had its headquarters.

The emperor, he said, was buried under Col Mengistu's office window.

"I was worried he would kill me," the gravedigger told the court, "but he lit a cigarette for me and told me to fence the area. I did it in 15 minutes while he watched from the window. Then he ordered me to construct a building on the site. I did it in two weeks."

The discovery of thousands of bones in similar graves has given Ethiopia's special prosecutor's office ample evidence to bring charges against the Dergue, but these are the first eyewitness accounts incriminating the council's surviving members.

A total of 46 Dergue members are in the dock, with some — including Col Mengistu, who fled to Zimbabwe in 1981 — being tried in their absence.

Bahrain plot 'is led from Qom'

Kathy Evans in Bahrain

HIZBULLAH Bahrain, an Iranian group alleged to be behind a conspiracy to overthrow the island's government, is guided by a Bahraini cleric based in Iran's holy city of Qom, according to foreign security officials on the island.

Sheikh Issa al Qassem is believed to act as the spiritual mentor and link to Tehran for the small community of Bahraini religious students in Qom. The group is said by Bahraini officials to have received assistance and military training by Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

Bahraini Shia who wanted to become clerics formerly studied in the Iraqi holy city of Najaf. But the Iran-Iraq war and the sanctions which followed the invasion of Kuwait forced many to travel to Qom instead.

Today, Shia religious authorities say that about 250 Bahrainis study in Qom under the guidance of senior ayatollahs including Sheikh Issa al Qassem. These students form the core of the leadership of Hizbullah Bahrain, say informed sources.

Members of Shia religious circles in Bahrain said yesterday that the Qom-based students were now banned from returning home. However, Bahrain's foreign minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak, denied this. "Those who have not been part of activities against the government are free to return, but those who have will face investigation," he said.

Sources add, however, that the Qom-based faction is only part of a labyrinth of networks leading back to Iran. Officials also point to the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, which has offices in Tehran and Damascus.

Bahrain's recent allegation of a conspiracy against its government followed the round-up of 56 Islamic militants in Bahrain in recent months. Of them, six confessed on television to receiving money and military training in Iran and Lebanon.

Observers have noted inconsistencies in the confessions and lawyers have suggested that broadcasting the statements gives grounds for declaring a mistrial. "By law, you cannot publish people's names or their pictures until they have been convicted," said one Bahraini lawyer.

Foreign observers say that the nipping in the bud of an Iranian-backed conspiracy is unlikely to stem unrest. "Most of this problem is local and it is not likely to touch the opposition's core demand for democracy," said one senior foreign official.

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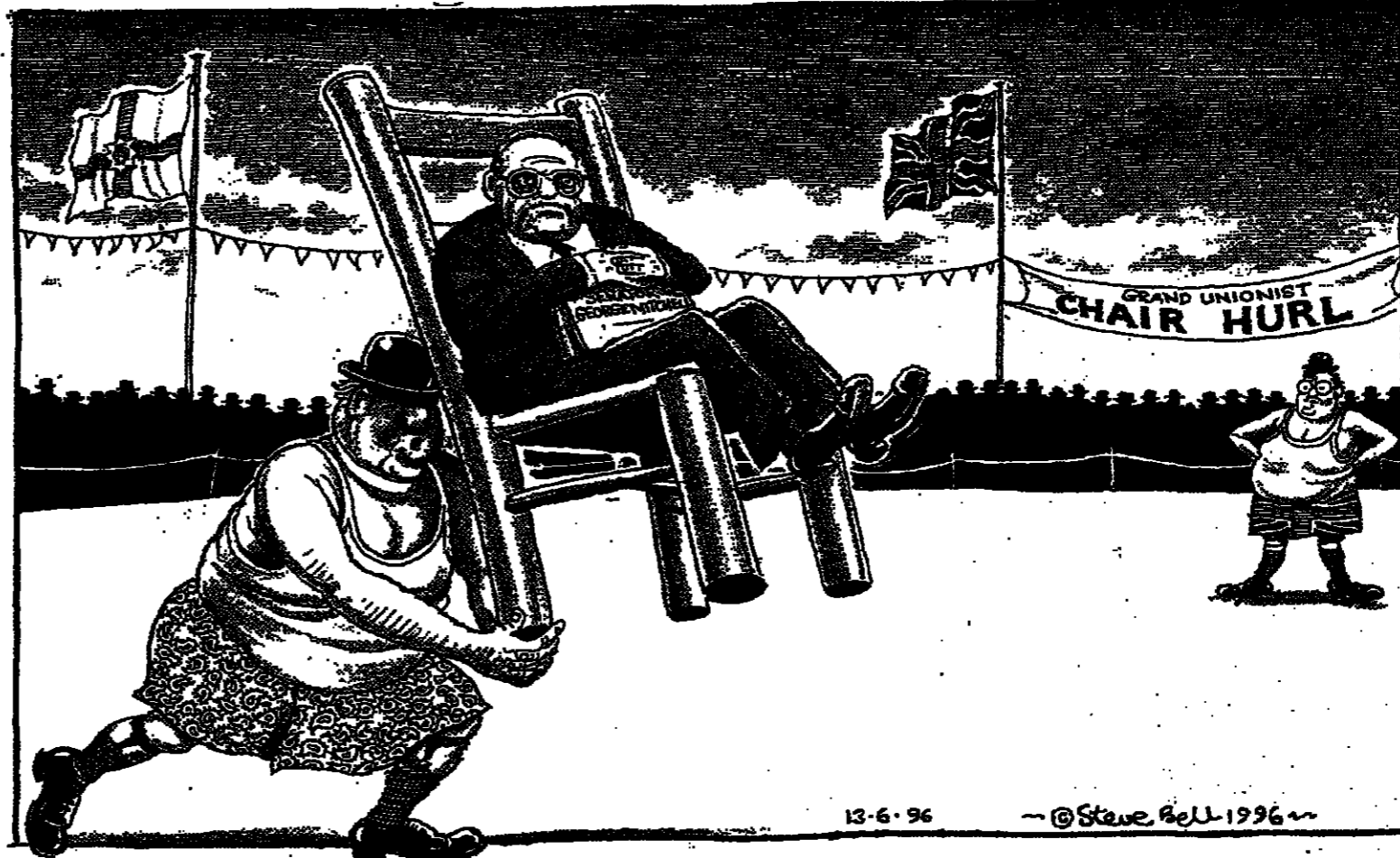
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Selective statistics

Few believe the good times are really here

IS THE "feel-bad factor" based on a myth? William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, clearly thinks so. In a pre-electoral salvo yesterday, he made an impassioned defence against Labour claims that the recovery had only generated poor quality, insecure jobs at low wages. He argued that more than half of the jobs created during the last upturn had been at above average earnings and that 21 per cent were in professions with average hourly earnings 1.7 times above the average. Far from being mainly part-time or temporary, he said, 60 per cent of new UK jobs since autumn 1993 had been permanent and 53 per cent full-time.

The first of these claims is hardly surprising. The big worry about the economy in the UK is the long-run collapse of unskilled jobs tied to simultaneous worries that we are inadequately equipping our workers for the new skilled jobs associated with the information technology revolution. The immediate problem is not that the digital revolution isn't throwing up new jobs for those with the appropriate skills but that the prospects for the less skilled — particularly the 10.6 per cent of unemployed males — is still dismal. Mr Waldegrave's second claim — that 53 per cent of new jobs since autumn 1993 have been full-time — sits uneasily with the statistics in the Government's own Labour Market Trends. These show that since September 1993 the entire 300,000 increase in employment was caused by a rise in part-time employment. But, let's not quibble about statistics. Even if Mr Waldegrave's figures are correct they are only part of the story. According to research done by the Employment Institute, three quarters of all full-time jobs created since the current recovery started have involved temporary contracts. Such contracts suit the lifestyle of some, but for many they are one of the main sources of insecurity leading to an inability to get a 25-year mortgage.



Letters to the Editor

Paedophiles in power

JON SNOW'S column about child abuse (True scandal of the child abusers, June 6) raises the accountability of the press and the behaviour of rich, influential and powerful men able to call upon others in positions of authority to protect them — or, in the case of the Church, provide "sanctuary".

Those working in the field who make mistakes resulting in the demise of children, or cause them to suffer at the hands of abusers, need to be publicly criticised. As a professional, we must not be overly defensive when taken to task. I was a member of the inquiry panel which looked into the circumstances surrounding the untimely death of Jasmine Beckford. In such a case, public criticism of individual professionals was, in my view, justifiable.

But in these, as well as more recent cases such as Orkney and Cleveland, we have seen an increasingly disturbing tendency to criticise not only the individual, but also the whole of the social work profession, along with the entire practice of child protection. Jon Snow, by putting the emphasis on people in high places, is confirming what many of us in the field know and has been confirmed in, for example, Kinross: that paedophiles are able to walk away from justice because of their power and influence. Why is the press unwilling to tell what it knows about successful people in politics and business? And how does it justify dealing with child abuse as a series of separate disasters caused by blundering, low-paid social workers?

Why the bill is divorced from the reality of family breakdown

THE first clause of the Famous Law Bill states a fundamental principle that a marriage which has irretrievably broken down should be brought to an end with minimum distress to the parties and the children. But the bill as now amended provides that, in the course of the divorce process, the parties must wait for significant periods of time between one stage and another. Where there are children under 16, they will amount to a total of 24 months. That is a very long time in the life of a young child.

In most cases, the adult decision to divorce will have been preceded by unhappiness in the home, of which the children will have been only too well aware. It is asking a great deal of them if, after that, they have to wait for almost two years before they can get started on their new lives. It is bound to be a stressful time, which can only be detrimental to their welfare.

Cash and carry politics

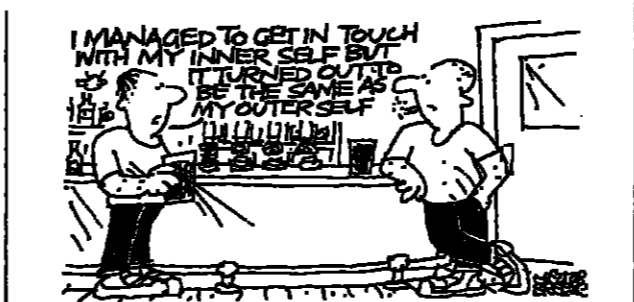
Who rules the Conservatives — Major or Goldsmith?

RUSSIA, said Tallyrand, is always too strong and too weak at the same time. The same could be said about the Conservative Europhobes, who have proved once again that they are too strong to be defeated but too weak to be victorious. The result, as the Commons vote on Bill Cash's Referendum Bill showed yesterday, is that the Conservative Party is permanently conditioned to division. If Labour had sat down and designed an excruciating death by torture for the Government, it would be hard put to better this self-inflicted Tory agony over Europe.

It is difficult to believe that this is a party which trails somewhere between 20 and 30 points in the polls and is only months away from a general election. In such circumstances, mere self-preservation would normally demand that any party — especially one which used to be dubbed the most successful European political party of the 20th century — would have avoided such public auto-humiliations. Yet that impulse seems to have been thrown overboard by John Major's party. Once again, about a third of Conservative backbenchers have defied all electoral self-interest and voted expressly against the Government. Yesterday 74 Tories supported Mr Cash. Two months ago, 66 voted for Iain Duncan Smith's similar effort on the European Court of Justice. A year ago, 89 voted for John Redwood against Mr Major. It is academic to try to show whether the rebel numbers are on the rise or the slide. The point is that one in three Tory MPs is impervious to party discipline, so incorrigible is their hostility to the party leader and his policy over Europe.

In God's name

MORI, when commissioned by the British Association, comes up with a figure of 43 per cent of the population who say they believe in God (Mark Lawson, June 10); yet, when commissioned by the Church of England, it comes up with 98 per cent. This is reported last month. This strongly suggests that Gallup — who were not commissioned by anyone — has probably got the figure right with 61 per cent.



This is your inner self calling

WHAT is it with the Guardian and the men's movement? Ros Coward's article (A man's gotta work on his inner self, June 10) is just the latest in a long line of slights to find a place in your pages on the mostly honourable attempts by men, initially alone, but sometimes now together with women, to create some sense of worth and meaning in the wasteland that masquerades as society. Through re-connection with myth and story — amongst other avenues — the mythopoetic "wing" of the men's

movement has struggled to confront and heal racial and ethnic divides, father and son conflicts, social and personal crises, and is now tentatively trying to establish a dialogue with women. That you find space to accuse those involved of "inverse racism", yet again attack the courageous figure of Robert Bly, and to reduce those women who have bravely held out their hands, does you no service. Stephen Hopkins, Monnow House, Clodock, Longwotn, Herefordshire HR2 0PD.

Over now to the sports round-up

THE selfish stance of the bosses of English rugby (Sky deal divides Twickenham, June 11) shows how little regard they have for their wider public and the game itself, and demonstrates how far they have been stampeded by the panic of professionalism. It would seem obvious that if some of the English rugby players had any chance of matching the standards set by New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, all the home nations need the resources to produce worthwhile competition for the other.

The indivisibility of one-off matches in the southern hemisphere has already been demonstrated by the England soccer squad's Far East debacle. John Cameron, 35 Ragged Hall Lane, St Albans, Herts AL2 3LB. IN 1991, the Rugby Football Union advertised the World Cup to bring the game to the attention of the masses. The Sky deal has alienated all those interested who have not got a dish. The RFU is supposed to act in the interest of all those it represents. At no time have I been asked whether or not I would like to watch English rugby on satellite. I'm not lining the pockets of an Australian just to watch England play. Richard Scott, 2 Church Close, Yatton, North Somerset BS19 4HG. IAIN Randall (Letters, June 11) is right about the greed of those interested in rugby to have any chance of matching the standards set by New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, all the home nations need the resources to produce worthwhile competition for the other.

The public has a right to know

A full inquiry into the scandal of child abuse is needed

FIRST we stole their childhood. Now, it seems, we are denying them public redress. The second scandal is almost as big as the first. In the first, hundreds of children believed to be "at risk" were removed from their parents only to be abused — sexually, physically and mentally — by adults in residential homes in which they were placed. Now reports into such abuse will be withheld unless ministers intervene. An inquiry into Clwyd's residential homes — where 100 children, of whom 12 subsequently died, were sexually abused over 20 years — was withheld earlier this year because of legal advice and an insurance company. Lawyers warned about the ammunition which the report would provide for victims claiming compensation; the insurance company threatened to withdraw its cover. To its shame, the county council complied. Only a leak to the Independent exposed the catalogue of complaints which the

council had ignored. Now, as we report in G2, a new series of prosecutions has begun in Cheshire — allegedly involving three times the number of children as Clwyd — in which six care workers have already been imprisoned with nine more trials due to begin. Ministers met yesterday to discuss the issue. They will have been told the abuse happened a long time ago, which is true. Most of the cases involve the 1970s or early 1980s. They will have been told residential care has changed, which is also true. The emphasis is now on fostering. They will have been told of new residential management and training initiatives introduced by a succession of reports — Warner, Howe, the Beck inquiry. But the public — and the victims — have a right to know the facts. We need a public inquiry, which will ignore insurers and lawyers, and set out the full national picture. Nothing less will do.

John Birt and the Burma factor

JOHN Tusa, my last boss as Ja senior producer and reporter in the World Service Science Unit, exposed the idiocy of present BBC management (A mission to destroy, June 10). What he didn't do was make clear the financial and editorial tangle of it. The reasons why WS in English makes its own programmes are two-fold. First comes suitability for the market. In many fields there is a need to remember how different this little island is compared with the rest of the world. A single bite by a rabid animal makes national news for days here; abroad it is nothing. I have heard Radio 4 refer to the military dictatorship in Burma as the "government" and the democratically elected, but suppressed, government as the "opposition". Do that on WS and your audience is gone. In addition, programme costs in Bush House are a small fraction of those for domestic radio. For instance, WS's flagship science programme Science in Action had a weekly budget for contributors and travel costs of about £300 when I retired. The com-

parable figure for Radio 4's Science Now was probably at least twice as much. Furthermore, the source material for WS programmes also served, at minimal conversion cost, for adaptation in the foreign-language services, just as centralised reporting and script for them doubled as source for WS in English. I cannot see WS being able to meet production costs more aligned to domestic radio. Why not just switch off World Service now? Dick Oliver, 19 St John's Green, Colchester, Essex CO2 7EZ. IN BURMA they say there are four disasters — fire, flood, earthquake and government. The BBC's four disasters are Birt, Birt, Birt and Birt. He is a great man. Few have his vision or determination. But the fact is that BBC staff with his tortured thinking and Stalinist regimentation. Give someone else a turn. Derek Brooke-Wavell, (Head of BBC Business Service, 1964-1985), 184 Ridmore Road, Reading RG4 7LU.

A Country Diary

CHILTERN: I'd set up my desk in a shady corner of the garden to escape the heat, only to be buffeted by another (though wholly agreeable) sensory assault. Quite distinct against the background scents of waning lilac and waxing melon of the laburnum blossom was washing over me in pulses, almost every 40 seconds. I've come across this phenomenon before. Some two and a half minutes. On the day the current heat-wave began, I was sharing a picnic in a room-brush that was on a live-minute scent-cycle. Were these all old factory illusions? Or other species share the curious fleetingness of the perfume of sweet violet, which, thanks to a chemical called ionone, can temporarily numb our smell-buds? Or "pulsing" a kind of budgeting, a plant's strategy for making more frugal use of scent chemicals? I suspect

this may be one of the many conundrums of smell. One other that taxes me is why flower scents are basically so similar and so nice. It is hard to think of a truly nauseous example — which is odd when you consider that they are there as trademarks to attract pollinating insects. This month we have the coconut oil tropical fruit of the pea family, merging on one side with sweetness of wild roses, and, on the other, with the sultry, sexy aroma of the may. May blossom's fishy, cloying undercurrents (probably the reason it is regarded as bringer of bad luck indeed) is more pronounced in rowan, whose scent is, for me, the closest to unpleasant amongst our native plants. One struggles to find words for these subtle gradations — which is quite proper, since communication by smell is more deeply and anciently encoded in our brains than any form of language. RICHARD MABBY

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John Edmonds

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

Diary

Dan Atkinson

BARELY suppressed excitement and joy ripples through the West Country this week as the natives prepare to celebrate a notable anniversary: local MP Tom King's 25 years in Parliament...

DON'T be too surprised if we stitch up a deal with Madrid over the Gibraltar smuggling row during the next few weeks...

IT'S kinda sad (1) that North MP Barry Sheeran's column for the local Gazette newspaper...

JOHN RT's new-look Mimley-of-Truth style PC may bring some advantages with its promise of a more proactive approach...

IT'S kinda sad (2): Our Portuguese friends, it seems, are unimpressed with British beef...

STILL no word from Michael "I'm No Beatnik" Howard's non-denial on Monday concerning his inhalation of otherwise controlled substances...

Private parts of public lives

Commentary

Catherine Bennett

BE a fly on the wall and read this, urges the model Paula Hamilton in her new survey 'n' tell autobiography...

personal and embarrassing, drink and drug addiction, ugly family squabbles, fountained relationships, and long periods in recovery centres...

lives is usually pointless, sometimes painfully invasive, and almost invariably vulgar...

ures gladly entertain mass audiences with their sexual peculiarities and disappointments; and the increasing number of actors and celebrities who now consider personal revelations a fair exchange for renown...

virtually beyond investigation. Our oppressive libel laws, so skillfully used by Robert Maxwell and his lawyers to conceal his villainy...

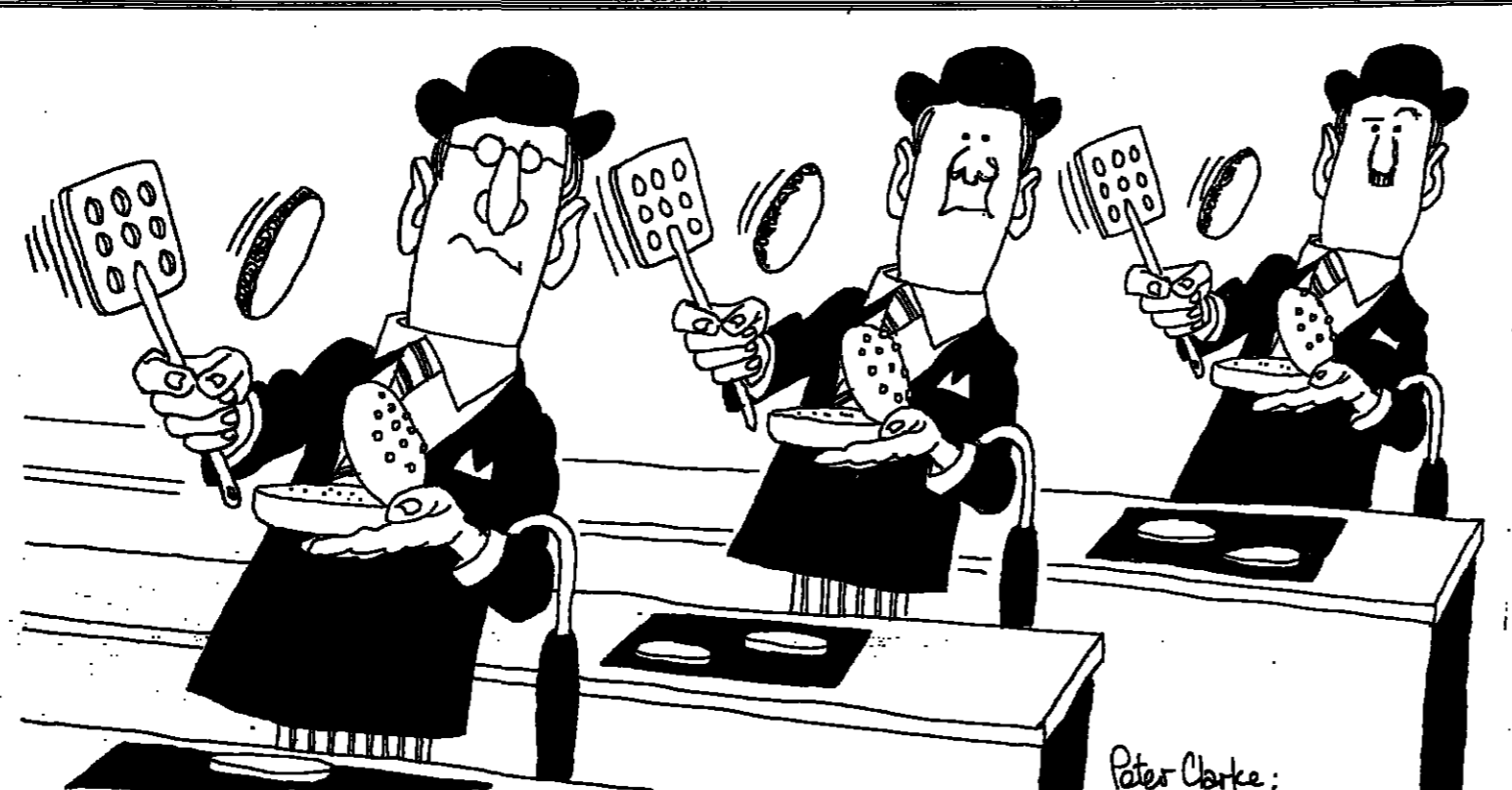
Making the best of a good job



Anthony Parsons

LABOUR's plans to advertise for ambassadors reported yesterday, will revive a long-running debate about the merits and demerits of more interchange between the public and private sectors in the field of diplomacy...

ranks of past and present ambassadors and high commissioners in London to see whether the more successful necessarily emanated from the professional stable...



Victorian values

John Edmonds wants to give William Waldegrave a lightning tour to show him the reality of life in the burger-flipping, machine-stitching economy

SO William Waldegrave thinks that drudge jobs are a myth, does he? Then come with me to Walton, Liverpool 7. There you can meet some of the GMB members at the local clothing firm...

tion taken away by the Tories. Yesterday in Blackpool I walked past the JobCentre. In the window there was a sad little array of vacancies...

are only going to get worse. Under the new Jobseekers Allowance the unemployed will have their benefits stopped unless they agree to take on any work straight away...

Stand up to the bully

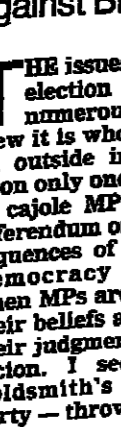
Robert Banks explains why he voted against Bill Cash's referendum bill

THE issues in a general election campaign are numerous, and in my view it is wholly wrong for an outside influence bent upon only one single policy to cajole MPs to accept a referendum or face the consequences of an opponent's Democracy Nowishes when MPs are standing for their beliefs and exercising their judgment without coercion...

my hands, and voted accordingly. Parliament, through its elected Members, should have an intelligent debate at the right time on the principal issues related to our membership of the European Union and make its judgment...

when it suits us. I see our role as essentially a leading partner without ambiguity, working to shape and control the development of Europe in a commonsense and realistic way, driven by natural impetus for closer synchronisation...

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Alan Weeks

Warm words on ice

ALAN Weeks, who has died aged 72, was a sports commentator of the old school. He looked more like a university don or company manager than the more mazy intermediaries favoured for today's less formal audiences.



The BBC's two-man bob team... Alan Weeks with David Vine at the 1988 Winter Olympics at Calgary

heard the case refused to ban him, on the grounds that his work "accords interest and pleasure to many people." It was a measure of his general popularity. He stayed director for seven years and a governor for many more.

reassurance that he had delivered the goods. But he was popular with producers because he was prepared, and able, to tackle anything.

quiet, modest — and a man who really did know the sport of skating back to front. Yet I have also never met a commentator who was so keyed up before a broadcast, so screwed up with nerves before he went to work.

Everyone connected with the sport of skating respected him, and his enthusiasm shone through his work. He would visit skaters to get a roll of sixes and yet he remained fair and would not unflatteringly note the errors. Never flippant, and a good friend, he was great company.

Uno Chiyo

Private and public passions in Japan



Uno... a touch of scandal

UNO CHIYO, who has died aged 98, was the grande dame of Japanese letters. So riveted was the public by her long and dramatic life and passionate love affairs and marriages that her 1983 autobiography, I Will Go On Living, was dramatised as a 13-part television series and produced on stage at Tokyo's Imperial Theatre.

own will!!!! But this was before she met Seiji Togo. Prolific though Uno was in chronicling her own heady love affairs in her fiction, it was not until 1933 that her most celebrated and enduring book, Confessions of Love, was published.

of the mood of decadence that swept through Japan in the 1920s and it was closely based on Togo's accounts of three of his own passionate liaisons. It is written in the classical monogatari style, in which the narrator confides intimate personal detail to his audience/readers, and it became a popular and critical success.

Her other major works, both in the Japanese autobiographical tradition, are Ohan (1947) and Story of a Single Woman (1971). As well as writing, she was well-known as a fashion designer. She designed kimonos and founded Japan's first fashion magazine, Style, in 1987. She lived above her own exclusive boutique in one of Tokyo's smartest districts.

Hubert Dean Problem solving in the skies

DURING the second world war Allied servicemen relied on the brilliance of Hubert "Dixie" Dean, who has died aged 84. From the Aeroplane and Armament Establishment (AA&EE) at Boscombe Down in Wiltshire, he flew 129 different aircraft types in the development and testing of air weapons.

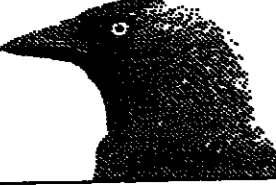
perfection of an ingenious technique for combating the U-boat menace with air-launched torpedoes. Close liaison with the Americans on early air-ground missiles, and service with US forces in Normandy, led to his appointment to the US Legion of Merit.

north London and, after a private school in Yorkshire, he read chemistry at Imperial College, London. In 1932 he took up a Royal Air Force short service commission. Beginning at gunnery school, Dean's service increasingly concentrated on operational requirements and the effectiveness of military weapons. It was a field in which he became highly respected on both sides of the Atlantic.

the rank of Group Captain. In 1954, as his second marriage was breaking up, he retired from the RAF and moved to the US and into civil industry. As president of an aviation company he developed an automatic pilot for light aircraft and then as chief engineer and chemist for Silly Putty, he invented a luminous toy putty and another version used in physiotherapy. Machines and gadgets remained Dean's passion.

He published his colourful memoirs, Drive's Circle, earlier this year. The title was a reference to his time at the Boscombe Down, where Stonehenge was a navigational landmark for pilots. Dean died just as he was contemplating returning to Connecticut with his fourth wife, Marguerite, to whom he was married for 32 years. He is survived by three sons.

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keyboard. Finally, hug your neighbour, then the computer assistant, and walk out. 12. Just Score the Biggest Out of People in the Computer Lab. Online at <http://www2.island.net/~cucal/>.

Fly fishing

"MY NEIGHBOUR who is working at — (airport) gave me your address and I hope you can do something quick to prevent a tragedy. My friends and I are fishermen on the Natal North coast and we are being very troubled by low-flying aeroplanes. Last week one double-engine aeroplane, with wheels that fold into the wings, painted white, flew so low along the beach that it struck the top of my fishing rod, pulling it out of my hands and breaking it. We tried to read the writing on the plane but this is not easy when you are lying face down on the sand and fearing for your life. Also, fishermen along the beach said the driver was making lewd and obscene gestures at them. It is appearing that

rich people who can buy aeroplanes, despite ordinary people and this is not right in the new South Africa. Some of the fishermen who work at the airport are talking about taking matters into their own hands if this does not stop soon, so I am hoping you will tell the drivers to be more polite. From road rage to air rage. The above article was issued by the Southern African Aviation Safety Council in their Aviation Safety News hardly the best way for the aviation community to foster sound relationships in the new South Africa. Thanks to reader David Martin.

Witness

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where smallpox and measles came, and stayed. Some of our bones washed down the river whose name I do not know past islands I cannot name to the sea where I have never sailed. Mixed blood, I lay claim by the arch of my eyebrows, short nose, dark hands. I am not a witness, I am left behind, child of children who were locked

Native news... lost lands

in the Mission and raped. I did not see this: I was not there — but I am here. Is there a place that knows me? I am Not A Witness, written by Deborah Miranda, whose family came through the San Joaquin Hills and Carmel missions. Printed in News from Native California, an inside view of the California Indian world.

Road code

BUT the striking feature about British roads is that the behaviour on them is arguably becoming politer, rather than meaner. From some where has grown this charming habit of waving with an open hand at other drivers. You wave someone to enter the flow of traffic, or you wave to thank them for their kind understanding in allowing you through. Sometimes this exchange reaches the absolute level of courtliness: "After you, Sir." "No, no. After you, Please, Sir." "I insist." Older drivers tell me this was far less common 30

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Jo Van Fleet

The Oscar and the icon

BECAUSE Jo Van Fleet had made an reputation playing aging matriarch so convincingly, it comes as a surprise to learn that she has died aged only 76. In fact, she was merely 11 years older than James Dean whose mother she portrayed in East of Eden (1955); she was two years younger than Susan Hayward, her screen laugher in I'll Cry Tomorrow (1955) and with half the age of the stubborn octogenarian character she played in Wild River (1960).

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Working at the Actors' Studio with Elia Kazan brought her to the big screen for the first time in the relatively small role of Kate Trask, the brothel madam in East of Eden, for which she won the best supporting actress Oscar. Kazan also cast the unknown James Dean as the son she had abandoned as a baby. In the scene when Dean enters her boudoir, she reacts initially in a cool, lady-like manner, and then in extreme anger and fear when he claims to be her son. She has him dragged from her presence down a dark narrow corridor of the warehouse.

Van Fleet's son again in René Clément's This Angry Age, based on a novel by Marguerite Duras. She played the dominating Madame Dufresne, French widow in Indo-China, a struggling to keep her plantation going despite her children's waning interest in it. "When someone asks her: 'Would you and your charming family go for dinner?' she replies, 'Get one thing straight. We are not a charming family.'" Van Fleet's oldwomen never asked for love sympathy. It was Elia Kazan again who gave her a screen role worthy of her actual personality. As 80-year-old Elia Garth in W. R. Hearst, she fights to stay on her island against the mit of the Tennessee Valley Authority that wishes to flood in order to construct a dam. "I expect that what you call progress, taking people's souls away and giving them electric," she tells the government agent (Montgomery Clift). It bent but intransigent fibre represented the spirit of individual defiance against personal bureaucracy, gaining the audience's approval about the slightest trace of sentimentality.

The matriarch... Jo Ann Fleet East of Eden

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Becker to the fore... the German on his way to a 6-4, 6-2 victory over the South African Chris Haggard. He now meets Jonathan Stark of the United States. PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

DFS Classic

Fine for no-show Spirlea

Richard Jago in Birmingham

A COMPLAINT to the Women's Tennis Association about the late withdrawal of Irina Spirlea, originally one of the top three seeds at this week's DFS Classic at the Edgbaston Priory Club, is almost certain to be followed by a fine for the Romanian world No. 17.

Withdrawals have become an increasing problem on the women's tour, underlined when six of the Edgbaston top 16 pulled out. That triggered the complaint from a frustrated Jago, an employee of the LTA, who organises and bankrolls the event.

Stella Artois Championship, Queen's Club

Henman hangs on for the battle

YESTERDAY marked the first anniversary of Thomas Muster's victory in the French Open. He could hardly have imagined a year ago that he would be celebrating his first victory on grass in Britain and only the second of his long career on the manicured lawns.

In a controversial match which ended in appalling light Muster, the No. 1 seed in Pete Sampras's absence, recovered from a set and 1-4 down to defeat Guillaume Raoux 6-7, 7-5, 7-6 in a 2hr 35min dog fight.

Henman's survival will set up an intriguing third-round clash with Britain's Tim Henman, if the Oxfordshire youngster can defeat Russia's Andrei Olhovskiy today.



David Irvine sees Britain's No. 1 put up a fine fight

grimmer for Britain's No. 1 when Frana, returning and passing superbly on the backhand, led 3-1 and 40-0 in the second. Then Henman's character and resilience began to

emerge. "I knew then I had to hang in or it would be over." And hang in he did; breaking back and four games later and snatching the lead on a glorious forehand pass down the line before serving out to level the match.

from one end you had to be so careful and hit with a lot more spin. From the other you had to hit as hard as you could and put the ball deep."

Results

Rugby Union

TOUR MATCHES NZ South Island Divisional XV 21, Scotland 63.

Tennis

STELLA ARTOIS GRASS-COURT CHAMPIONSHIPS (Queen's Club): First round: P. Sampras (USA) bt D. Ogorodnikov (RUS) 6-1, 6-4, 6-3; B. Rensch (GER) bt J. J. Thomsen (DEN) 6-1, 6-4, 6-3; G. Raoux (FRA) bt T. Muster (AUT) 6-7, 7-5, 7-6; J. Stark (USA) bt C. Haggard (RSA) 6-4, 6-2; J. Stark (USA) bt C. Haggard (RSA) 6-4, 6-2; J. Stark (USA) bt C. Haggard (RSA) 6-4, 6-2.

Motor Racing

Imola fined \$1m and warned over crowd invasion

ALAN HENRY THE San Marino Grand Prix at Imola could be removed from the 1997 world championship schedule unless the organisers give a guarantee that there will be no repeat of the crowd invasion at the end of last month's race.

Rugby League

England look to new order

PAUL FITZPATRICK on tonight's European Championship game against France

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 5, Oakland 4; Detroit 8, Baltimore 3; New York 3, Toronto 2; Chicago 6, Boston 2; California 7, Kansas City 5 (Homer); Milwaukee 10, Seattle 6; Texas 8, Milwaukee 3.

Sport in brief

Soccer: Romario, the Brazilian striker, is heading back to Spain following a year at home. He has provisionally signed for the First Division club Valencia.

Chess

Karpov carves out a draw

ANATOLY KARPOV played a hard-fought 48-move draw with the American challenger Gata Kamsky as the Fide world champion ship at Elst started deadlocked at 1½ points each.

Rugby Union

Australia says no to England

Plan to join southern series receives quick thumbs down

Greg Crowden in Sydney and Chris Hewett

THERE is no place for England in the southern hemisphere international series, Australian officials said yesterday, but the final say is likely to rest with the man financing the package - Rupert Murdoch.

This does not mean only occasional England Test appearances, but extensive itineraries, and also regular visits by the All Blacks, Wallabies and Springboks to Twickenham.

However, there are several crucial factors working against England. Australia and New Zealand are not keen to bring another team in and it would put extra strain on an already crammed itinerary that must include the highly successful Super 12 tournament.

England would be forced to play out of season, as the tri-nations series is set for July-August. Also any changes must have unanimous agreement from the three unions.

For several weeks, Australian Rugby Football Union officials have rejected claims that England could be invited, possibly as early as next year, to join the Wallabies, New Zealand and South Africa in the Sanzar annual Test series.

Beaumont and Cotton in the frame for Lions job

TWO former England captains, Bill Beaumont and Fran Cotton, are the leading candidates to be appointed manager of the Lions' tour of South Africa next year.

Nonetheless, Sanzar rely heavily on Murdoch. He believes that England should play southern-hemisphere nations regularly at Twickenham, and elsewhere, it would not surprise anyone, especially in Australia, if he told Sanzar what to do.

and lasted only 12 minutes before receiving a deep cut on his left knee that needed immediate stitching.

Q9: Who is the most expensive player in the world? ticket

A9: Gianluigi Lentini. He was transferred from Torino to AC Milan for £13 million in June 1992.

Guardian logo and other small text.

Table with columns: White Karpov, Black Kamsky, and game scores.

Ice Hockey

Colorado sweep the ice

THE Colorado Avalanche completed a clean sweep over the Florida Panthers yesterday to win the Stanley Cup in their first season after relocation following 16 fruitless years as the Quebec Nordiques... They defeated the Panthers 1-0 in Miami to wrap up the series with a fourth successive win when the veteran German defenceman Uwe Krupp scored in the fifth minute of the third overtime just after 1 am to end the longest game of a final series since Edmonton beat Boston in 1990...



Unstoppable Avalanche ... Colorado's Joe Sakic celebrates Uwe Krupp's winning goal

Racing

Shantou in shape for Royal Ascot

Michael Stoute, too, will be keeping an eye on the weather during the next week or so. His impressive John Forbes Stakes winner Election Day will take on Tamure provided the ground is not too fast and Rocky Oasis, second to Shantou at Sandown last month, could renew rivalry in the King Edward VII Stakes... "He's exciting," said Stoute of Election Day, a rare compliment from a trainer who regards superlatives as taboo words... "He had a shoe put on Saturday, exciting on Sunday"

Shantou, a strong-finishing third to Shaamit in the Derby on Saturday, is expected to make a quick reappearance in the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot next week... "He tried to drop his rider this morning, hucking and kicking," said trainer John Gosden yesterday. "He's not had a hard preparation. He had a run 10 days before the race, a blow-out since the race, and he's come out of it well..."

Beverley with guide to latest form

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EURO 96

Group C: Italy 2, Russia 1

Double dose from clinical Casiraghi

Russia sees red over fans



ONE round of matches gone and already Group C seems irreversibly shaped. This victory for Italy, coming on top of Germany's demolition of the Czech Republic, means that matters may already be done and dusted before next Wednesday's eagerly anticipated meeting at Old Trafford.

Against a side of Italy's defensive capabilities it was a serious blow but the Russians, prompted by Kanchelskis, produced some composed moves and deserved their equaliser after 30 minutes. A four-man move swept its way through the blue line so effectively that once the ball landed at Ilya Tsybalar's feet there could be little doubt about the outcome.

Russia's Footballer of the Year in 1996 did the necessary well, dragging the ball lazily forwards before steering his shot just inside the near post. Zola tried an immediate response, but his glancing header dropped wide. Soon the Russians grew in strength and confidence and, as Blackburn Rovers discovered to their horror against Spartak Moscow in last season's Champions League, Russian football tends to move along space even in those moments when the tempo slackens.

The appearance of the experienced Donadoni in place of the fading Del Piero at half-time underlined Sacchi's refusal to favour celebrity players and the expectant Italian supporters who commended the Kop did not have long to wait before relaunching their celebrations.

On 51 minutes Roberto Di Matteo and Zola combined to open the way for Casiraghi to deliver another excellent finish from 12 yards. The goal was his 10th in 32 internationals and made him the first man to score twice in Euro 96. It was time for the Italians to turn on the style and Cherechov soon led to throw himself bravely at the feet of Zola who had raced from almost the halfway line. Russia's substitution of Tsybalar underlined their frustrations, as did a 25-yard volley from Alexander Mostovoi past the right-hand post.

But the Italians were forced to take a sharp intake of breath in injury time when Tsybalar's replacement, Dobrovolskiy, was inexplicably left unmarked in front of goal. His shot was lifted over the bar and Russia's chance had gone. All that was left was for Casiraghi to reveal that he knew a whole lot more about Anfield than anyone had expected.



Oh no, Onopko... Gianfranco Zola beats the Russian defender's challenge at Anfield yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEELE

and see the writing 'You'll never walk alone' was very emotional for me, he said. "It's the best moment of my career. The first game is always very difficult, but to

come here and score two goals in such a stadium is great." Sacchi was similarly enthused: "Casiraghi was very good and he was decisive.

When our system works, then individual players can shine. Italy: Parruzi; Mucci, Costacurta, Apolloni, Maldini, Di Livio (Fuser, 61min), Di Matteo, Albertini, Del Piero (Donadoni), Referees: L Mottram (Scotland)

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Group D: Turkey 0, Croatia 1

Sub Vlaovic sinks Turks with late solo winner

Martin Thorpe at the City Ground

GOAL five minutes from time by the substitute Goran Vlaovic put Croatia top of Group D last night and silenced the massed ranks of previously excited Turkish supporters.



Stimac... disappointing

As the rain came down in the second half neither team was exactly pouring forward and chances were few and far between. In the 56th minute the highly rated Boban of Milan became the first player in the game to be booked and shortly after was substituted after a disappointing performance. In fact none of Croatia's star overseas players - Real Madrid's Sukaner, Juventus's Bosic or Barcelona's Prosinetich were particularly outstanding as the team once again failed to live up to the sum of its parts. In fact Bosic was also substituted.

On 22 minutes the Croatians did fashion a decent chance. Jarni's deep cross from the left finding Sukaner's head at the far post. But the striker could only direct the ball back across the face of the goal and wide of the other post. Turkey had come close when Tugay shot over from 25 yards, then Ogün shot wide from 40. But the fact that the Turks were resorting to long distance told its own tale about the growing prominence of the Croatian defence.

Croatia's best chance of the game up until this point came on 30 minutes when the substitute Vlaovic, the eventual goalscorer, was released into the area but his promising run, cutting in from the left, was expertly halted by the Turkish goalkeeper Rustu who bravely dived at the striker's feet. Ten minutes from time, as Croatia turned up the pressure, they won a free-kick on the left. Prosinetich fired in a ball to the far post which Sukaner missed completely when he really should have got his head to it.

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Going bananas in Diyarbakir

Owen Boycott reports from South-east Turkey as Euro 96 tensions bubble up

ALL week Turkey had been praying for victory but preparing itself for the worst as the euphoria generated by the national team qualifying for a major tournament for the first time since the 1954 World Cup seeped away. "Sixty Million Supporters" declared identical headlines in the mass-circulation Hurriyet and the daily sports paper Fotomac. "Come on Lions!" an inside story was headed, betraying more loyalty than confidence. But around the street cafes of Diyarbakir, a Byzantine-walled city in the South-east swollen by the influx of refugee Kurds, expectations were as low as the wooden stools on which the old men squat as they flick backgammon counters around their boards.

In a nearby hotel bar, an evening drinker predicted that the national team would lose by five goals to the Balkan favourites. No one threatened to spill his rakı. The optimists were those who hoped Turkey could slug it out to a goalless draw. "Turks - and Kurds - do feel passionate about football. The cobbled back alleys are full of grubby, shaven-headed kids kicking semi-deflated plastic balls around and getting under the feet of veiled women. The country seems to put as much emotion into football as winning, too. This city went bananas a few weeks back when Diyarbakir failed to win promotion to the national premier division for a second year running. The club's red-and-green colours were burned in the street, bank windows were broken and supporters cut themselves with knives as if in the grip of a Shi'ite fervour of self-mutilation. "The police stopped the

protest only by firing up-stairs," explained a local, gesturing into the air. As the Rough Guide warns visitors: "It is not unknown for a losing team to be attacked by its own supporters after a game." Such problems with self-esteem are pervasive. In a weekend review of the team's prospects, the English-language Turkish Daily News concluded: "Coach Fatih Terim has done a fine job just in reaching these finals - anything more will be a bonus. Turkey could yet slip back into its previous obscurity." Respect for players is also limited. One star performer is languishing in jail on charges of evading tax when importing a Mercedes. The national No.1 goalkeeper Rustu Racer, of the Istanbul club Fenerbahce, is said by many to be too inexperienced - at the age of 24.

The star striker Hakan Sukaner ("The Bull of the Bosphorus") left Galatasaray for a year to play for Torino but flopped. It was said, because of homesickness, he later very sportingly blamed his bad form on the break-up of his marriage. But for his wife Esra, he told one paper: "I would have been a world-class player by now." Until yesterday Turkey had been happy to bask in the satisfaction of merely being invited to the party. Inclusion in the tournament was thrill enough for a nation that looks west and yearns to be accepted as a member of the European Union. "Well, we may be 100-1 outsiders," Adam remarked, "but we're not as bad as the Czech Republic." A hostage to fortune if ever there was, that.

Gordon Milne, the former Coventry manager now in charge of the Turkish club Bespor, had warm words of praise for Turkey going into last night's match. "Nobody will top this Turkish squad for determination. They have tremendous pride and a high degree of technical ability. Turkish clubs learned the modern trend of proper diet and preparation long before anybody in England. They are very well prepared and physically, tremendously strong."

Euro 96 results

Table with 6 columns: Group, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Includes results for Group A, B, C, and D.

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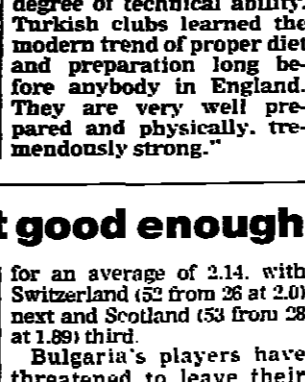
ENGLAND'S failure to reach the 1994 World Cup finals could prove a deciding factor at Euro 96 if they finish level on points and goal difference with their Group A rivals. In the event of that happening UEFA will use the four teams' qualifying records for the last three major championships - this tournament, the 1992 European Championship and the World Cup two years ago - to decide who will qualify for the quarter-finals. It leaves England, who did not have to qualify for Euro 96, at a disadvantage as they have the worst record of the four teams with 30 points from 16 games for an average of 1.87. Holland have the best with 60 points from 28 games

Level best not good enough

for an average of 2.14, with Switzerland (52 from 26 at 2.0) next and Scotland (53 from 28 at 1.89) third. Bulgaria's players have threatened to leave their training camp near Scarborough. They are unhappy that there is little to do at the Ravenscar Hotel and at the amount of travelling involved to and from games. They had a 90-minute journey to Leeds on Sunday for their opening Group B game with Spain and their final two matches at Newcastle, against Romania and France, will mean round trips of around four hours. If Bulgaria left Scarborough for the local council, which has sponsored their visit to the tune of £25,000.

YOU could forgive John Gorman for thinking that as Glenn Hoddle's No. 2 with England he might have been allowed into the media centre at St James' Park to watch Scotland-Holland on television. But Newcastle gatekeepers did not get where they are today by allowing Scots with fancy titles into the ground unless they arrive with the proper pass. So Gorman was barred and retired to the nearest pub to cheer on his boys. But he will be in for the Big One at Wembley on Saturday? And who will he support? And will Wembley's strict segregation policy allow him to sit next to his boss?

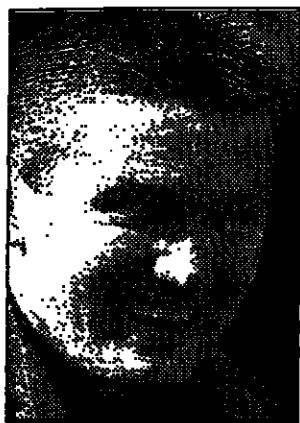
NOW hear this England. A room has been set aside in the Leeds hotel where Spain are staying to allow the players to relax away from the endless requests for autographs and interviews. Inside the room are several pool and snooker tables and two fridges full of refreshments, one stocked with bottles of beer and lager and the other with cans of soft drinks. As of yesterday not one bottle had been touched. SO who needs Cantona? Yesterday Christophe Dugary gave the official French line on the enfant terrible. "We have made a good start and that is important to us," said the bearded striker. "We did it without Cantona and Giroud and that is important too. It has proved we do not need to rely any more on those moody kind of people." So there you have it. They're just moody Blues.



Take that... Geordie protest

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SportsGuardian



Howey... twisted ankle
England coach brushes aside press reports of late-night drinking by his players



Knees up... Sheringham, accused by the tabloids of enjoying a night out, dances round Phil Neville, watched by Ince

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Richard Williams reports

Angry Venables turns on 'traitors'

THE tribulations of Terry Venables's England squad deepened yesterday with the news that their 48-hour leave had produced two further damaging episodes. One cost Venables the services of Steve Howey, who twisted an ankle during a training run and is almost certainly out of the tournament. The other led the coach to accuse the press of seeking to damage England's

chances by turning the public against the team. After the affair of the China Jump Bar and Cathay Pacific Flight CX126, the tabloid papers have been on the alert for more episodes of social indiscretion. On Saturday they were handed the ammunition when Teddy Sheringham, Jamie Redknapp and Sol Campbell chose to hold their private inquest into the disappointing performance against

Switzerland at Faces, a disco in Ilford, Essex. Yesterday the Sun led its front page with the news that they had been seen drinking beer and had left the club at 2.30am. "I haven't read the papers but I know all about it," Venables told the morning press conference after a training session at Bisham Abbey, "and as far as we're concerned it's finished." Asked if he minded players being out at

that time of night, he replied: "No. Look, everyone had gone home to their families. These were three young boys who kept together and had a beer. They've come to me all together, agast with it all. They just sat in the corner and had a couple of beers. How long it was, I don't know. But I accept their word." They were allowed to drink alcohol on their days off, he explained, although there was

no drinking while they were in the team's hotel. "We know we've got to be disciplined, and they have been. I've got no complaints whatsoever. If they're going to relax, let them relax, as long as they haven't upset anybody, which they haven't. I can't see the point of saying you can have a night off but you must stay in your house. If you want to have a couple of beers at home, fine. In the main, those who have families are at home. Or they've gone out to dinner. And if they go out for dinner with their wives, they could have the same amount of beer as three guys together, but you wouldn't notice that. "In Italy and Spain the players drink wine every day with their meals. I was at Barcelona for three years and we had to drink red wine for lunch and dinner. When the Irish were doing it you were all thinking how funny it was. But all of a sudden it's us, and it's a different attitude altogether. I don't understand it." Venables told reporters that he was dismayed by the way the players have been portrayed. "I think it's awful. But

we're getting hardened to it. We just don't understand that it's necessary to do what you're doing. There are a few that seem like traitors to us. They're turning the public against the players, which can turn them against them in the stadium. "If there's an advantage to being at home, we aren't taking advantage of it, are we? The support isn't as strong as we should have. Therefore the advantage, if there was one, is disappearing." He had been in the game long enough, he said, not to take criticism personally. But on behalf of the players he felt the situation was deteriorating fast. "Now it's insatiable. What is the aim of trying to turn the public against the team?" Had the poor performance against Switzerland made any difference? "I'm not going to say you can have a beer if you win and you can't if you lose. That would make me seem like a silly little boy. I'm trying to get them to stick their chests out and play like men, so they have to be treated like men. In my opinion as yet they haven't abused that."

And now over to you, Deuteronomy



Vincent Hanna

LOOK, I know that as an emerging nation we are entitled to a crack at a major championship, we are doing our best — the Villa Park pitch looked almost flat on Monday night — but are we ready for Euro 96? Look at its effect on susceptible minds. Like mine for one. First my executive producer Mrs Lapping, who has zero interest in football, slides up to me in Channel 4 and asks: "Was Venables wise to take off McManaman?" Made me very nervous that she might have turned violent. Then, as I settled down in the shed to kick against the pricks, Acta 9.5." He's a hoot, is Greg.

most devoid of journalism. Commentators and pundits on both channels treat Euro 96 as if it is only a football championship. Studios are filled with careful managers and players, who ignore the tabloids and talk in code: "Good technical player that, very strong in the centre-to-front area." Criticist, especially on ITV, is confined to mild but respectful disappointment. Meanwhile in the parallel tabloid universe inhabited by Gazza and Uri Geller, we gorge on fantastic stories. If we are told that at half-time on Saturday five of the England squad slipped off for a few beers, we believe it. Back in the shed we mopped up the tea and sang a hymn to make my wife feel guilty. The Rev Greg quipped: "Paul Gascoigne is suffering from illness and fatigue — the fans are sick and tired of him." I shouldn't have laughed. "He should remember what God said to the other St Paul," said Greg. "And what was that?" I asked. "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks, Acta 9.5." He's a hoot, is Greg.

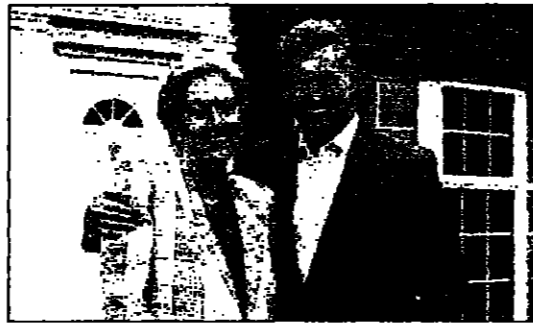
We then decided that television, whilst not encouraging the scandals, might at least inquire into some of the more obvious ones. Doctors say that alcohol is the worst preparation for sport, but nobody asks Terry Venables even to tell how many beers make "a few". Terry says the team has been well prepared and don't believe the papers, and Des Lynam says okay Terry, best of luck mate. There are managers and players in both studios who know what's going on, who have strong views about team preparation, but who stay silent. TV Sport, I suppose, argues that it is the job of TV News to do the dirty work, but every-one knows that TV Sport gets the real access. Radio Five Live, as a news and sport network, provides a more rounded service.

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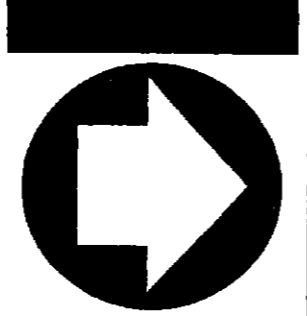
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The major problem in the romance of Paul and Sarah is that football gets in the way. "So," says Hornby, "in that sense we haven't gone completely AWC. You still hear the word Arsenal several million times."

Guardian Crossword No 20,677

Set by Paul

- Across**
- 1 Report of 9 is causing gooseflesh (6)
 - 4 Model taken by 9 to cold, cold sea (6)
 - 9 Catch 22 (4)
 - 10 9 and property are blown up by the French — appalling taste! (4-6)
 - 11 9 on the head (6)
 - 12 Much illness is caused by alternative medicine replacing nitrogen with phosphorus (8)
 - 13 Producer of energy that's supposedly green with revolutionary cycle (9)
 - 15 9 that's also at sea (4)
 - 16 Scream as line is quenched at its source (4)
 - 17 Information meant to be displayed round Leatherhead for square (9)
 - 21 Keep warm in 9, (nearly 10) (8)
- Down**
- 22 Burning for a clue (6)
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